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Gulf war truce set to begin on August 20

Direct talks will open five days later: UN chief

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 8. (Agencies): A ceasefire in the eight-year-old Gulf war is to begin at 0300 GMT on Aug 20, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced today.

He said he would invite Iran and Iraq to send their representatives to Geneva on Aug 25 for direct talks under his auspices.

Observe

"I now call upon the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq to observe a ceasefire and to discontinue all military action on land, at sea and in the air as of 0300 hours GMT on Aug 20, 1988," the secretary-general announced at a crowded, expectant meeting of the Security Council.

His announcement was greeted by applause.

"I have been assured by the two parties to the conflict that

they will observe this ceasefire in the context of the full implementation of Resolution 598," he added, referring to a council resolution adopted over a year ago.

Invitation

Perez de Cuellar, who has just spent nearly two weeks in intensive separate negotiations here with the Foreign Ministers of Iran and Iraq, Ali Akbar Velayati and Tariq Aziz, continued:

"I shall extend to the Islamic Republic of Iran and to the Republic of Iraq a formal invitation to send their representatives to Geneva on Aug 25 for direct talks under my auspices. I am

sending letters in this connection to both sides."

The level of representation at the talks has not yet been decided.

The question of face-to-face negotiations was at the heart of the negotiations here, with Iraq demanding direct talks prior to a ceasefire and Iran rejecting this as an unacceptable precondition.

Last Saturday Iraqi President Saddam Hussein agreed to halt the fighting if Iran guaranteed to enter direct negotiations immediately afterwards.

Massive

The announcement came less than a month after Iran accepted a UN ceasefire resolution, and 14 days after Perez de Cuellar began indirect peace negotiations with Iranian and Iraqi representatives at the United Nations.

Since the beginning of the war, in September 1980, Iran and Iraq have fought massive land battles,

traded missile attacks on each other's cities and attacked oil tankers from neutral countries in a war that threatened the world's oil supplies. The conflict claimed an estimated one million casualties.

Earlier today, the UN chief executive sent a written report to the Security Council requesting authorisation for an unarmed UN military observer force consisting of up to 350 officers to police the ceasefire.

Perez de Cuellar said he intended to deploy the main body of the observers together with support staff, "not later than three days before D-Day" — the effective date of the ceasefire.

Disputed

He estimated the cost of the force for the first six months at \$74 million, of which \$47 million will be just for initial setting-up costs.

One unique feature of the

observer force will be a naval contingent — the first in the history of UN peace-keeping missions — to patrol the disputed Shatt Al Arah waterway, the estuary of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers separating Iran and Iraq at the northern head of the Gulf.

The Security Council is expected to vote tomorrow on the resolution establishing the peace-keeping force known as the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Force.

Iran, which rejected the UN ceasefire resolution when it was adopted by the Security Council in July 1987, suddenly announced its acceptance on July 18 and dropped previous conditions that Iraq be named the aggressor

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Iraq declares holiday

BAGHDAD, Aug 8. (Reuters): Iraq declared a three-day holiday from tomorrow to celebrate the announcement by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar of a ceasefire in its eight-year-old war with Iran.

"It is the great victory which Iraq scores in the name of all Arabs and humanity," the ruling Revolutionary Command Council said in a statement shortly after the UN announcement.

"Therefore we call upon you to celebrate it as a great victory irrespective of the consequences that the implementation of other items of Resolution 598 would entail," said the statement, addressed to the Iraqi people.

Vincennes rescues 5 Iranian fishermen

WASHINGTON, Aug 8. (AP): The USS Vincennes, the warship that mistakenly shot down an Iranian airliner last month, has rescued five Iranian fishermen adrift in a small dinghy, defence officials said today.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said the guided-missile cruiser was on a routine patrol in the Gulf of Oman, below the entrance to the Gulf at the Strait of Hormuz, when it spotted the dinghy yesterday.

The five fishermen were taken aboard and treated for minor injuries including dehydration and hypothermia. The officials added:

"The five identified themselves as fishermen whose boat sank while working in the Gulf of Oman," said one source.

Iran sends message to Kuwait

AN Iranian envoy yesterday handed Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed a message on Iran's acceptance of a ceasefire with Iraq, Kuwait Foreign Ministry officials said.

They said the message, delivered by the Iranian Ambassador to the UAE, Mustafa Fomieni Haeri, was sent by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

Meanwhile, Foreign Under-Secretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen received the Iraqi Ambassador in Kuwait Asem Yakoub Yousif, who handed Al Shaheen a message from the Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to HH the Amir.

Al Shaheen also received the ambassadors of China, the Soviet Union and Algeria during which he reviewed with them the current UN Security Council's deliberations on halting the Iraqi-Iranian war.



HH the Amir received Arafat yesterday.

Shultz escapes attempt on life

LA PAZ, Aug 8. (Reuters): An explosive device went off beside Secretary of State George Shultz' motorcade in the Bolivian capital today, shattering a window of a car carrying his wife Helena, US officials said.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said three vehicles were damaged, including his own, but no one was injured. "It was an explosive, obviously remotely detonated," Redman told reporters after the device went off as Shultz' motorcade entered downtown La Paz coming from the airport.

The explosion went off seconds after Shultz' car passed its location beside the road. Reporters riding in the motorcade heard an extremely loud bang and saw a shower of smoke and debris.

Redman said the device may have been dynamite. Officials said it did not appear to be powerful enough to have injured Shultz in his armoured-plated limousine even if it had gone off beside his car.

After the explosion went off, Shultz' security guards re-directed the route of the motorcade from a downtown hotel to the US embassy.

US State Department security agents brandishing their machine-guns surrounded Shultz at the embassy door and hustled him inside.

A van carrying five State Department officials took the

brunt of the blast. Its windows were shattered and a tyre was blown out and a window cracked.

"We will continue with the schedule," Redman said.

Shultz will be meeting with top Bolivian officials, including President Victor Paz Estenssoro, and delivering a speech praising Bolivia for an anti-drug programme.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which Redman said was the first ever against the secretary.

Referring to the initial police investigation of the attack, Redman said "they did find wires so it was triggered electronically — possibly dynamite."

Device

Officials said the device had been planted on a hillside a few yards above the airport motorway along the route the motorcade was moving.

It appeared that debris from the blast, such as stones, caused most of the damage, officials said.

Shultz was several car lengths ahead when the bomb went off. The attack occurred despite heavy security by the Bolivian armed forces, who ringed Shultz' plane at the airport when he arrived. They brandished sub-machineguns and were deployed along the entire route of the motorcade.

Palestinian 'government' under consideration: Arafat

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday that formation of the Palestinian government-in-exile was now under consideration and the Palestine National Council will have the final say on this matter.

Arafat told a press conference in Kuwait last night that the PNC, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile and the PLO executive will discuss the matter in detail.

He described the decision of Jordan's King Hussein to cut all legal and administrative ties with the occupied West Bank as "a legal disengagement."

"He said the PLO will shoulder all responsibilities resulting from the Jordanian monarch's decision."

Decided

The Palestinian leader said the organisation had decided to displace its executive committee member Mahmoud Abbas (better known as Abu Mazen) to Jordan if Amman agrees to have talks on the King's decision.

Arafat hailed the stand of HH the Amir, who received him earlier yesterday and added: "I have talked with HH the Amir in his capacity as chairman of the Islamic Conference and as one of the Arab leaders that the Palestinian people cherish."

Arafat, who arrived in Kuwait yesterday, also met HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

Talks held on border demarcation

THE interior ministers of Kuwait and Iraq yesterday held talks on border demarcation and security issues.

Kuwait's northern borders with Iraq are the only ones not yet demarcated.

The Iraqi Interior Minister Samir Abdel Wahab arrived in Kuwait yesterday.

Abdul Wahab and Kuwait's Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah visited the Kuwait-Iraqi borders yesterday.

The talks were attended by the Iraqi ambassador to Kuwait and top officials of Kuwait's Ministry of Interior.

War is ending: Khamenei

MANAMA, Aug 8. (Agencies): Iranian President Ali Khamenei said today that Iran was "going toward peace with honour," and desired that there should never again be war between Third World countries, Tehran Radio reported.

The President described it as the "biggest war since World War II."

"This war is now ending," Khamenei said at a conference on the war in Tehran.

Action

Tehran Radio monitored in Bahrain quoted him as saying: "We go to peace with honour and a desire that never again will there be war between Third World countries, except if the oppressed rise up against their oppressors and defend themselves."

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said three people were wounded when Iraqi forces shelled villages near Sardasht, some 375 miles (600 km) west of Tehran, in the first military action along the front reported since Thursday.

Dumps

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) announced a raid on Iran's Mis-san area in the southern sector of the front saying its forces killed six Iranian soldiers and exploded four ammunition dumps.

Khamenei blasted the UN Security Council for two earlier resolutions on the war, passed before Resolution 598 of July 1987. The council's first resolution, he said, was "cool, careless and threatening" in tone.

If Iran had abided by the earlier resolutions, the President

said, it would have had to allow parts of the country to remain inside Iraqi occupation, because there was no reference to a pull-back to international borders.

Resolution 598 would become an "historic point" for the United Nations, because it would influence the organisation in the future, he said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said today Iraq might mount new attacks despite its announced agreement to a ceasefire.

Attacks

Iranian television contacted Velayati by telephone in New York and asked him about the possibility of further Iraqi attacks.

"It is not unlikely in view of Iraq's record of breaking its word," Velayati replied.

All because of 8.8.88

HONG KONG, Aug 8. (Agencies): In Hong Kong they topped off one of the world's tallest buildings, in Singapore they rushed to get married, in Japan they climbed the Mount Fuji, in Kuala Lumpur they launched the cocoa futures contract but in Beijing they didn't care.

For Cantonese speakers, today was all the eight — the eighth day of the eighth month of the 88th year of the century.

In Cantonese eight — baat — sounds much like faat, which means prosperity.

"Nobody cares about the stock market today, all they care about is the jackpot," said a stockbroker for a US securities house in Hong Kong.

Brisk

To mark 8.8.88, authorities organised a special draw and added 3,888,888 (\$384,000) to the first prize in the Mark Six lottery, only legal form of gambling in the British colony until the racing season starts next month.



A construction worker tests his luck underneath a restraining cable on top of the Bank of China building in Hong Kong prior to topping-out ceremonies yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Business was brisk as residents jostled at booths to buy tickets giving them a shot at a staggering seven million dollars (\$900,000) first prize.

The day was also chosen to top out the new Bank of China in Hong Kong, at 315 metres (1,033 feet) one of the world's six tallest buildings.

Not that the Bank of China wanted anything to do with it — the ceremony was arranged by

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UK sending diplomat to Tehran

LONDON, Aug 8. (Reuters): Britain said today it was sending a diplomat to Tehran to discuss the re-opening of the British embassy and ask for Iranian help in securing the release of Western hostages in Lebanon.

A Foreign Office spokesman said David Reddaway, an Iranian expert and Persian speaker, would fly to Tehran on Thursday for two or three weeks.

The decision to send the diplomat followed Tehran's acceptance of a United Nations resolution for an end to the Iran-Iraq war and a promise by Iran to cease attacks on shipping in the

Gulf.

"Mr Reddaway's presence will help us to assess Iranian attitudes to all aspects of British-Iranian relations," the spokesman said.

Reddaway joined the British embassy in Tehran in 1977 in the commercial section as a third secretary. He left Tehran in 1980 after Britain closed the mission and asked Sweden to look after its interests.

Iran has recently launched a diplomatic offensive to improve its relations with the West.

Britain has not had any embassy staff in Iran for most of the past year after one of its

diplomats was beaten in Tehran last year following the arrest in Britain of an Iranian official on shoplifting charges.

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- برا میں حکومت مخالف مظاہرے
- سوڈان میں قیامت خیز بارشیں اور سیلاب

WEATHER

NORMAL summer weather with light north-westerly wind.
State of sea: slight
High water: 8.00 am, 11.00 pm
Low water: 2.30 am, 5.00 pm
Sunrise: 5.12 am
Sunset: 5.34 pm
Maximum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 45°C (113°F)
Ahmad: 41°C (106°F)
Fahala: 41°C (106°F)
Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 27°C (81°F)
Ahmad: 33°C (91°F)
Fahala: 33°C (91°F)
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 45°C (113°F)
Ahmad: 41°C (106°F)
Fahala: 41°C (106°F)
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 9 per cent
Ahmad: 60 per cent
Fahala: 60 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 10 per cent
Ahmad: 50 per cent
Fahala: 60 per cent

INTERNATIONAL

American society is racist, says poll

NEW YORK, Aug 8, (AP):

Twenty-five years after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. declared his dream of racial equality, a majority of Americans say society remains racist, a Media General-Associated Press poll has found.

The national survey of 1,223 adults found broad agreement that the United States has moved toward equality since August 1963, when King voiced the goal in a celebrated speech. Seventy-one per cent said equality is achievable.

But of those who said it is possible, four in 10 said racial equality would not occur within their lifetimes. And 55 per cent of all respondents said American society is racist overall, while 37 per cent said it's not racist.

The poll found several other measures of concern over racial inequality in the United States. Among them:

While 54 per cent of respondents said blacks and other minorities have the same opportunities as whites right now, 42 per cent of all respondents, and 69 per cent of blacks, disagreed.

Majorities in all education, income and ideological groups, and in all but the oldest age group, said American society is racist overall. Fifty-three per cent of whites agreed, as did 68 per cent of blacks.

Respondents were evenly divided, 43-43, on whether minorities receive equal treatment in the nation's criminal justice system, and three in 10 said minorities are denied justice because of their race.

Among whites, 46 per cent said there is equal treatment in the justice system, while 40 per cent said there isn't and nearly 15 per cent said they did not know. Among blacks, 61 per cent said minorities are not treated equally.

The Civil Rights act became law a year later, prompting sweeping changes in the then-segregated South.

Zia exploiting office for political gains

ISLAMABAD, Aug 8, (KUNA): A veteran opposition leader has accused President Zia-ul-Haq of exploiting his office to seek the support of the previous ruling party, the Pakistan Muslim League.

After sacking the Muslim League cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo on May 29, the President has now realised that he has politically isolated himself, said Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, chief of the Pakistan Jamhoori Party, which is also a component of the nine-party opposition alliance Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD).

After returning to Multan from Sukkur, where he attended an MRD rally, Nawabzada said by interfering in the affairs of the PML, Zia was also violating the constitution.

Zia is trying behind the scenes to unite the former ruling party which has broken up into many factions after dismissal of Junejo cabinet. Zia also wants the Muslim League to elect a new leader in place of Junejo.

Junejo has decided to relinquish the presidency of the

party. Zia can now patronise the PML for the forthcoming elections.

If the elections were held on non-party system, Zia would indirectly try to put his entire weight behind the PML and ensure its victory and then invite it to form a government.

In the event of party-based elections, Zia would back the PML and would see to it that it swept the polls.

The opposition parties have decided to launch a two-pronged campaign to alter the decision of the President to hold non-party elections. They will challenge the decision in the court and simultaneously hold meetings to mobilise public opinion.

Benefit
Short of bloody street violence it is unlikely that the President would succumb to the opposition pressure. But if the court struck down his decision then of course he would stage polls on non-party basis.

But with the exit of Junejo from the stewardship of the PML, the President will benefit both ways.

He is sure that PML-backed candidates would form parliamentary party after the non-party elections like they did in 1985 non-party elections and he would again transform it into a ruling party.

However, Zia's task will not be all over simply by the removal of Junejo from the leadership of the PML.

He has to make sure that the man who succeeds him is submissive and pliable and shares power with him equitably and does not try to take the lion's share.

Several names are being mentioned in this connection. They include Punjab Chief Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Defence Minister Mahmood Haseen, Information Minister Elahi Bakhsh Samrao, NWFP Chief Minister Fazle-Haq, former NWFP Governor Fida Mohammad Khan, former Information Minister Kazi Abdul Majid Abid and former Chief Minister of Punjab Mohammad Hanif Ramay, who is now in the National People's Party of Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi but is reported to be willing to co-operate with Zia.

Gaza lawyer in Cairo to see Murphy

Egypt promotes US-PLO meeting

CAIRO, Aug 8, (Reuters): Egyptian officials said today they were trying to arrange a meeting in Cairo between US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy and prominent Palestinians.

"We are trying to facilitate a meeting if both sides want it," said a senior Foreign Ministry official, who did not want to be named. "So far, nothing has been arranged."

"There is still a gap in terms of what each party is expecting from the other," said another Foreign Ministry official, who also requested anonymity.

"The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) wants an understanding that those attending a meeting are doing so on behalf of the PLO," he said. "The Americans want to meet them as individuals."

The US embassy in Cairo said

no meeting had yet been set between Palestinians and Murphy, who is due to arrive on Tuesday from Amman. He has also visited Lebanon, Syria and Israel.

Egyptian officials said they were trying to draw up a list of Palestinians acceptable to both the United States and the PLO.

They said that Fayez Abu Rahme, a prominent lawyer from the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, was in Cairo to attend a meeting if one was agreed by both sides.

Dialogue
Murphy criticised Israel today for a lack of dialogue with moderate Palestinians and for tough measures used against activists involved in the uprising against Israeli occupation.

His statements came after a two-and-one-half hour meeting with Defence Minister Yitzhak

Rabin and top military officials in Tel Aviv.

"I've discussed America's concern that there is insufficient dialogue, shall we say, between Israel and the moderate Palestinians," said Murphy, adding he was not suggesting Israel talk to the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The usually reticent Murphy referred to sharp disagreements with Rabin over Israel's handling of Palestinian activists. Since the uprising began Dec 8, about 2,500 agitators have been jailed for up to six months without trial, the homes of 84 activists have been demolished and 29 nationalists have been deported.

"We don't think they're the way to go. We don't agree with Israel. On that we've had a very frank exchange," said Murphy.



A South Korean student sprints riot police helmets over his shoulder after radical students decided to return them to the police. The helmets were captured during a demonstration in Seoul. (Reuters wirephoto)

Infant starts car, kills another

SAN CLEMENTE, California, Aug 8, (AP): An 18-month-old boy briefly left alone in a car with the motor running shifted the car into drive, sending the vehicle into a group of campers and decapitating a two-year-old boy, police said.

Dylan Clark Bloodworth died instantly after the station wagon pinned his head against a post in the accident on Friday at San Clemente state park. The vehicle also struck Dylan's mother and grandmother who suffered injuries.

Hollie Groff, 31, of California, was preparing to leave and stopped her station wagon to retrieve some belongings.

Officials said she put the automatic transmission in "park" position but left the engine running because she had been having trouble starting it. She told officers she was gone less than one minute. The emergency brake apparently was not set.

Her son, called Jordan Groff, who was in the back seat, squeezed out of his car seat and shifted the car into drive, sending it down a 100-foot incline where it struck the three victims outside their tent.

Seoul students begin unification march

SEOUL, Aug 8, (AP): Radical students left Seoul today to join others for a cross-country march they hope will lead to unification talks with North Korean students at the border town of Panmunjom next week.

Meanwhile, North Korea said it would deliver tomorrow what is believed to be a reply to South Korea's call to prepare for full parliamentary talks on easing tensions on the Korean peninsula.

The students' unification talks have been called for Aug 15 to discuss ways to reunite the Korean peninsula, divided since the end of World War II in 1945. South Korean authorities have outlawed the talks.

Police earlier issued an order to block all rallies and marches by radical students to promote the Panmunjom talks and arrest violators of the ban.

Warnings
About 400 students, named the "unification vanguard," left Seoul for two southern port cities to join colleagues for the cross-country march, scheduled to start tomorrow.

Their departure followed a two-hour rally at Korea University in eastern Seoul, during

which student leaders reiterated their resolve to hold the march and talks in defiance of strong government warnings.

"Whatever obstacles, we will go to Panmunjom without fail to meet our brothers from the North," a student leader shouted. Others took up the chant and yelled anti-government and anti-American slogans.

They demanded the withdrawal of 41,000 US troops stationed in South Korea.

Rituals
Earlier today, the students hurled firebombs and rocks at riot police to protest a police blockade of the school the day before. Police fired tear-gas to keep the protesters from marching off campus yesterday.

On orders from Seoul, police on the southern-most island of Cheju tightened security at air and seaports today and prepared to arrest 30 student leaders scheduled to arrive for "unification rituals."

The 30 students planned the unspecified rituals at the peak of Mount Halla, South Korea's highest mountain, to kick off the cross-country march.

South Africa declares ceasefire in Angolan war

PRETORIA, Aug 8, (AP): The government today declared an immediate ceasefire in the Angolan war and set Nov 1 as the date it plans to begin pulling out of neighbouring South-West Africa.

However, Foreign Minister P. W. Botha said further negotiations were necessary to determine the time-table for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and the granting of independence to South-West Africa, commonly known as Namibia.

"This is the first step of a very long, arduous road to peace," Botha told a news conference in Pretoria.

Accepted
Cuba, Angola and the United States also were to issue statements today following last week's fifth round of peace talks involving Southwestern Africa.

Botha said South Africa had accepted an immediate ceasefire and planned to pull its estimated 3,000 troops out of Angola by Sept 1.

South Africa, along with the United States, back the UNITA rebel movement in its fight against the Marxist Angolan government, which is supported by an estimated 50,000 Cuban troops.

Tamil rebels held in India

NEW DELHI, Aug 8, (AP): Police today arrested more than 150 Sri Lankan rebels based in southern India, United News of India reported.

Most of those arrested belonged to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the main rebel group spearheading a bloody five-year-old campaign for a separate nation in Sri Lanka. UNL said.

At least 67 people were arrested in the city of Madras and 87 others from other parts of Tamil Nadu state, the news agency said.

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in the bloodiest conflict since World War II.

Iran's reversal set into motion a flurry of diplomatic activity by the United Nations, and the UN chief began indirect peace talks. Leaders around the world praised Perez de Cuellar's efforts in reaching the ceasefire with President Reagan, hailing the agreement between Iran and Iraq as "the news the world has waited for."

Noting that military activity had decreased in the past few days, the 68-year-old UN chief appealed "to all concerned, in the strongest possible terms, to exercise the utmost restraint and to refrain forthwith from any hostile activity on land, at sea and in the air in the period before entry into effect of the ceasefire."

He concluded: "The restoration of peace will bring to the peoples of both countries victories far greater than those of war."

Endorsed
Iran's UN envoy, Mohammad Mahallati, and Iraq's Ismat Kitani were seated at the council table as Perez de Cuellar spoke.

After the secretary-general's brief announcement, council president Li Luyue of China said the 15-nation body fully endorsed his remarks, including his appeal for utmost restraint by both Iran and Iraq.

The council expected them to "refrain from all hostile activities in the period before the entry into effect of the ceasefire," Li said.

The council also reiterated its determination to ensure that Resolution 598 was fully implemented as an integral whole.

It not only calls for a ceasefire but also a troop withdrawal to internationally recognised boundaries, the dispatch of UN observers, the release of prisoners of war and efforts to achieve a comprehensive settlement.

It also provides for the establishment of an impartial body to inquire into responsibility for starting the war — a point which Iran regards as crucial.

Duchess of York gives birth to a girl

LONDON, Aug 8, (Reuters): Britain's Duchess of York gave birth today to her first child, a girl, and mother and daughter were both well, Buckingham Palace said.

The baby was born at London's exclusive Portland Hospital.

The father, Queen Elizabeth's second son Prince Andrew, attended the birth overseen by gynaecologist Anthony Kenney.

Mid-air explosion in executive jet

Botswana President hurt

GABORONE, Aug 8, (Reuters): Botswana President Quett Masire was injured when an engine of his presidential jet exploded in mid-air over Angola yesterday, a government announcement said today.

The statement from the president's office said the Bae 125-800, on a flight to Luanda, was forced to make an emergency landing at Cuito Bie, 600 km (400 miles) from the Angolan capital.

"The explosion damaged the right side of the fuselage and the right side engine was completely separated from the aircraft," the statement said.

Chief of protocol Bashi Ikiseng, who was sitting near Masire, was also injured by the

explosion, it added. Masire, 63, who was travelling to Luanda to attend a meeting of frontline states, suffered back injuries caused by fragments which penetrated the cabin.

The statement said all others on board the 10-seater aircraft were safe.

Ministers
Among the passengers were Presidential Affairs Minister Ponatshego Kedikilwe and External Affairs Minister Gaositiwe Chiepe. Earlier Reuters erroneously quoted the official Botswana Press Agency BOPA as saying that the two ministers had been injured.

The explosion occurred while

the aircraft, delivered last June, was flying at 35,000 feet (10,700 metres), the statement said.

"The plane followed an International Civil Aviation route which had been cleared with the responsible authorities in Luanda," the statement said.

The explosion was in some ways reminiscent of the crash which killed Mozambique's President Samora Machel less than two years ago.

Machel was returning from a similar meeting of frontline leaders in Zambia when his presidential jet, a Tupolev 134, got lost on the night of Oct 19, 1986, and crashed in northeastern South Africa, killing the Mozambican leader and 34 others.

Crime increasing in Moscow

MOSCOW, Aug 8, (Reuters): Rape and car theft have increased sharply in the Soviet capital this year, the weekly newspaper Argumenti i Fakty reported.

And despite an official campaign against alcoholism, more than 2,000 people in Moscow were caught making illegal alcohol — 72.5 per cent up on a year ago.

Quoting police figures, the newspaper said that in the first six months of 1988 14 per cent more murders, nearly 24 per cent more rapes and 50 per cent more car thefts were reported than in the same period of 1987.

Organised crime accounted for a large part of the total as gangs fought it out for influence over gambling and other rackets, the newspaper said.

In May, the weekly Ogonyok reported that rival gangsters had been shooting at each other in the streets for a share in profits of co-operatives.

All because of 8.8.88

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A total of 102 couples tied the knot in what was billed as the "wedding of the century," timed to coincide with the big day.

Briton Andrew Narramore, marrying a Chinese girl, said: "It's a lucky day. Despite not being Chinese I like the customs and the idea of lucky days."

Apart from the mass wedding, 99 other marriages were scheduled at the registry of marriages, 30 per cent up on Singapore's normal quota, though not all Singaporeans believe Aug 8 an auspicious day.

"The idea was started by money-minded Hong Kong businessmen about 10 years ago to cash in on the ignorance of the people," said Lee Siow Mong, an expert in Chinese culture, in a published interview.

In Malaysia, where one-third of the population are ethnic Chinese, today was chosen to launch the cocoa futures contract.

Kuala Lumpur Commodity Exchange chairman Tan Sri Lee Boon Chim said they had chosen

the date because they hoped it would augur well for trading volume.

Hospitals reported some Chinese women had chosen the date to have babies delivered, either by induction or surgery.

For 50-year-old Malaysian Chinese, Foot Siong Thoo, today was the day his wishes came true. In his adopted home, Australia, he claimed a 60,000 Australian dollar (\$48,000) first prize in a state lottery.

A group of 88 Japanese, ranging in age from eight to 88 climbed the Mount Fuji, reaching the peak in the morning exactly eight o'clock, eight minutes and eight seconds local time.

Jailed for plotting

NAIROBI, Aug 8, (AP): A nephew of the late President Jomo Kenyatta was sentenced today to six years in jail after he admitted to plotting to overthrow the government.

Andrew Kibathi Muigai, 35, pleaded guilty before chief magistrate Joseph Mango during a 20-minute proceeding.

Muigai, a businessman, is the brother of former Assistant Minister of Health Nguni Muigai. Their father, James Muigai, was the brother of Jomo Kenyatta, Kenya's first President.

Henry Frenay dies

PARIS, Aug 8, (AP): Henry Frenay, one of the greatest figures of the French resistance against Nazi occupation during World War II, has died at the age of 82, family members said today, refusing to give further details on the date or cause of death.

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Masked students and Buddhist monks stand together while other students gather around in the Shwedagon pagoda in Rangoon during protests against the government. (Reuters wirephoto)

Thousands hold protest rally in Rangoon

Burmese demand democracy

RANGOON, Aug 8, (UPI): Thousands of Burmese marched for democracy in heavily guarded Rangoon today, cheering as they passed the US embassy, and many called for the ouster of recently installed President Sein Lwin.

Heavily armed troops patrolled the city as some 30,000 demonstrators, some wearing hoods, marched through the city shouting anti-government slogans and calling for a general strike against the military-dominated socialist government. Soldiers warily watched the chanting procession, in defiance of martial law regulations, but no clashes or violence were immediately reported as it made its way to the Sule Pagoda in downtown.

People crowded the balconies of homes and businesses along the entire route of the march, clapping, cheering and visibly supporting the protest, the largest demonstration against the hardline president since he replaced longtime leader Gen.

Ne Win on July 26.

Demonstrators cheered as they marched by the US embassy, but US Marine guards locked up the building and Ambassador Bert Levin ordered all officials to stay away from the windows.

Troops

The 6,000 Army troops, diplomats said, were ordered into the city by Sein Lwin did not confront the procession until the crowd swelled to nearly 30,000 people in a charged incident that ended peacefully.

The military converted four of Rangoon's main thoroughfares into one-way streets with one side of the roadway reserved for military traffic. Armoured cars rumbled across the city earlier in the day and heavily armed troops manned checkpoints on roads leading into the capital.

"They are checking everyone entering the city for identification and searching them for pamphlets and weapons," one witness said.

The march, led by a large red

flag, began in the morning. Student demonstrators told United Press International that they were determined to force the ouster of Sein Lwin, a retired brigadier-general with a reputation of being tough on dissent.

"We want democracy. We want human rights—that means no Sein Lwin," one student said in his broken English.

Strike

Rangoon's central market and many shops in the capital closed in support of the nationwide general strike called by the demonstrators.

Dissident sources in Bangkok said student leaders were trying to contact Burmese Army regional commanders to win their support against the Sein Lwin government.

The Army, particularly middle-ranking officers long faithful to the one-party government when it was led by Ne Win, is said to be angry at the meager provisions sent to soldiers fighting against a number of ethnic insurgencies.

Inflation hits hard at Beijing

ZOO

BEIJING, Aug 8, (UPI): Inflation has hit hard at the Beijing zoo, where the tigers are on a strict diet, the elephants have given up bananas for carrots and only the prestigious pandas still enjoy their traditional regimen of milk and bamboo shoots.

Zoo officials blamed soaring prices for the food cuts, noting their 3,000 mammals were not granted the government subsidies that human urban residents received this year to cushion them against higher costs.

Elephant residents at China's biggest zoo have not eaten their favourite food—bananas—in months as the cost of the fruit has quadrupled in recent years, the official China Daily newspaper said.

The huge pachyderms must make do with carrots, which provide the same vitamins, but are not quite as tasty, the paper said.

Zookeepers have also placed the tigers on a strict diet, cutting their three meals a day to just two and instituting a fast for the big cats one day each week, the paper said.

"They used to eat irregularly in the wild," the paper quoted one zookeeper as saying. The zoo has also stopped providing appetizers of live chickens and rabbits to the felines—including the lions and leopards—to cut down on costs. Live animals are only a special food for the sick and weak, zoo officials said.

But there has been no change in the diet of the zoo's prized giant pandas, despite the soaring price of milk and the difficulty of obtaining arrow bamboo shoots—the only vegetable the fussy black and white animals will touch.

Five die in Beirut clashes

BEIRUT, Aug 8, (UPI): Five people died in clashes south of the capital, including a pro-Syrian Palestinian guerrilla official attempting to mediate an end to the violence, security sources said today.

The sources said inhabitants of the village of Kitermaya, 30 km south of Beirut in the Shouf mountain foothills, clashed with machine-guns and rocket propelled grenades late Sunday. It was not immediately known what started the fighting in the area controlled by the Progressive Socialist Party of Walid Jumblatt. Two people were killed and several were wounded in the clashes, the sources said.

The sources said Nabil Bashasha, an official of the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command was killed in an ambush near Kitermaya, where he was heading to try to stop the fighting. Two of his bodyguards died in the attack.

A Syrian force that entered West Beirut last year also patrols the coastal road linking Beirut with southern Lebanon but has refrained from deploying in the foothills.

Observers said the death of Bashasha, could lead to the deployment of Syrian troops in the region.

Afghans give warm send-off

Soviet troops leave Kabul

KABUL, Aug 8, (Reuters): The first Soviet Army unit left Kabul today for the northern border following a send-off by Afghans throwing flowers.

The convoy included 500 men and about 100 vehicles from a mechanised unit, Soviet Army officials said. However, they declined to identify the regiment involved.

Afghan Foreign Ministry officials said it was the first departure of a complete unit based in the Afghan capital, although Soviet sources said there had been a few departures of soldiers on a much smaller scale over the past few months.

After a brief ceremony during which the soldiers were presented with garlands by Afghan men and women, the convoy set off towards the north.

It will take the troops about two days to reach the Soviet border town of Termez.

Dozens of Afghans, many wearing traditional turbans came to say goodbye.

Some opted for a more Western look. One young man carrying a bunch of flowers for the

departing Soviet soldiers wore a "Rambo" T-shirt with a picture of American movie actor Sylvester Stallone on it.

The convoy of armoured personnel carriers, tanks and lorries had lined up early in the morning in front of the Soviet Army barracks in the northern area of Kabul.

Flowers

As the column started to move and passed in front of the barracks, the Afghans tossed flowers and waved farewell. Standing or seated in their vehicles, the Soviet soldiers in hush hats gazed impassively at the scene.

Several Afghan schoolgirls in dark grey uniforms were also among the crowd, smiling shyly at the soldiers and foreign reporters.

Towards the end of the convoy, two Soviet girls exchanged a few words with young men seated on a tank and were later seen wiping away tears as the vehicle rolled past.

Moscow's troops will have left all but four of Afghanistan's 29 provinces within the coming

days, Soviet officials have said. Under UN-mediated accords signed in Geneva four months ago, the Soviet Union promised to withdraw half its 100,000 troops in Afghanistan by Aug 15 and the remainder by Feb 15.

Soviet media say the southern part of the country is already empty of Moscow's forces.

But foreign analysts expect the Soviet Union to keep a strong military presence in Kabul for some time to come. They estimate up to 22,000 Soviet troops are based in and around the city.

Kabul has come under increasing attack by Afghan rebels since the Soviet pullout began nearly three months ago.

Three rockets fell on Kabul yesterday, the last day of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze's visit to the city. One man was injured in the attack.

The UN-mediated accords governing the pullout were signed in Geneva by Pakistan and Afghanistan, with the United States and the Soviet Union acting as guarantors.

Pakistan announced over the weekend that it captured the Soviet pilot of an intruding military aircraft from Afghanistan shot down by a Pakistani F-16 about 16 km inside Pakistan late Thursday.

The Defence Ministry said the pilot had parachuted to safety.

It was the fourth downing of an intruding aircraft from Afghanistan since the Soviet Union invaded its southern neighbour in December 1979.

A government official said yesterday the pilot was a Soviet national and was seized by tribesmen as he was wandering near the town of Miran Shah, about 180 km southwest of the frontier city of Peshawar.

The official said the pilot was flown out of Miran Shah yesterday in a Pakistani helicopter, but his destination could not be confirmed.

Konarovskiy said 25 of Afghanistan's 30 provinces would be cleared of Soviet troops within the next eight days. The Geneva accord specifies that at least half the Soviet troops be withdrawn by Aug 15.

'Murder of democracy' in Nagaland

MPs protest Rajiv's action

NEW DELHI, Aug 8, (UPI): Opposition members today stormed out of parliament to protest as a "murder of democracy." Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's decision to dissolve the Nagaland assembly, sack its government and take direct control of the northeastern state.

The walkouts came after the speaker of the lower house and the chairman of the upper house rejected opposition demands for immediate discussions on Rajiv's decision to impose "President's rule" on Nagaland.

After the walkouts, the speaker of the lower house, Balram Lakhar, decided to allow a discussion of the issue in the afternoon.

The government last night invoked President's rule in dismissing Nagaland's 18-month-old Congress (I) Party administration, dissolving the assembly and taking control of the state.

Under the constitution, the

declaration of President's rule is recommended to the President by the Prime Minister when he determines that a state administration is unable to fulfill its duties. The President's assent is pro forma.

The declaration lasts for six months, after which new elections must be held unless an extension is approved by parliament.

The government said the move was taken because the Nagaland administration had lost the ability to administer the predominantly Christian state of 773,280 people bordering Burma.

Charged

But opposition leaders charged Rajiv wanted to prevent the Naga People's Council, formed by two opposition parties and 13 lawmakers who resigned from the Congress (I) Party last week, from taking power.

The resignations left the ruling

party with only 21 seats in the 60-member state assembly, while the Naga People's Council claimed to hold a majority of 35.

Senior members of Rajiv's cabinet tried in vain throughout last week to woo back the 13 lawmakers.

In parliament's lower house, or Lok Sabha, opposition members shouted slogans for 20 minutes condemning the government's decision to impose President's rule and demanding the issue be discussed.

"We want to censure the government. It is a murder of democracy," Communist Party of India leader Inderjit Gupta shouted as other lawmakers chanted "shame, shame."

Janata Party leader Madhu Dandavate, echoing contentions of other opposition members, charged the government should have first consulted parliament before deciding to impose President's rule.

Bangladeshi wins award

MANILA, Aug 8, (AP): A Bangladeshi man who founded the most successful co-operative in his country has been named winner of the 1988 Ramon Magsaysay Award for community leadership, the award foundation announced today.

Cited Mohammad Yasin, chairman and former manager of Decad Comprehensive Village, Development Co-operative Society, for "moving rural Bangladesh to self-reliance and economic security through an efficiently and honestly managed village co-operative."

The Ramon Magsaysay Foundation gives the award, named after a popular Philippine President killed in a 1957 plane crash, in five categories each year. Each award, Asia's version of the Nobel Prize, carries a cash prize of \$30,000.

The Foundation said Yasin, a former tea shop proprietor, started the co-operative in 1960 by convincing eight rickshaw men to contribute the cost of one cup of tea each to a joint fund.

Heavy rains sweep Sind

ISLAMABAD, Aug 8, (KUNA): Heavy rains, after causing large-scale havoc in the provinces of Punjab and the North West Frontier, are now battering vast areas of Sind province.

Besides the provincial capital of Karachi, the rains are lashing several parts of interior Sind, especially Larkana, Badin, Sukkur, Thatta, Tando Adam, Mirpur Khas and Shikarpur.

According to news paper reports, 28 people have died due to rain-related incidents like drowning in the flooded inland river and irrigation canal, house collapses, electrocution and snake-bites.

Standing crops of cotton, Pakistan's silver fibre that earns it huge foreign exchange, were the worst victims of the cyclonic rains which have waterlogged large tracts of fertile land in the interior of Sind.

An 18-hour of pounding rains yesterday damaged the 5,000 year-old ruins of Moenjodaro in Larkana district. Remains of 'city of the dead,' where the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) is engaged in excavation work were reported to be well under knee-deep water. Precious structures at the site are started collapsing.

National Highway linking southern Pakistan with the north was submerged under water at a point where several hundred vehicles stood stranded.

Life in Karachi city was paralysed due to two days of lashing rains. Many low-lying areas came under knee-deep water. About 600 thaiched buses collapsed, injuring 12 mates. Traffic remained suspended in a number of localities.

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Court delays ruling on Mahathir party

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 8, (UPI): Malaysian Supreme Court today postponed until Tuesday its decision on an appeal by 11 opponents of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad who are seeking to revive a former dominant opposition party.

The outcome of the appeal is critical for Mahathir who is facing an uphill battle in recruiting members to his reconstituted version of the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), backbone of the coalition government, which is known as New UMNO.

If the appeal is dismissed, the Prime Minister is likely to win a sudden groundswell of grassroots support for his new party in time for an Aug 25 by-election in southern Johore state which is viewed as a crucial test of his credibility as leader of the majority Malays and of the federal government.

Mahathir, who has purged New UMNO of detractors, also needs the court to reject the appeal so his supporters can lay claim to the old organisation's vast assets which were handed

over to an official assignee after the high court declared old UMNO illegal Feb 4.

The Prime Minister's opponents had gone to court to have the bitterly fought leadership elections of 1987 declared null and void because of irregularities and to have fresh polls ordered.

The judge, however, ruled UMNO itself an illegal entity because it had 30 unregistered branches under its umbrella.

Dissidents' counsel, Raja Aziz Addruse, asked for the appeal to be decided, as originally directed, by a full nine-bench quorum of supreme court justices because "it concerns not just members of UMNO or just Malays, but the country as a whole."

The five judges presiding over the appeal rejected his request.

The head of Malaysia's judiciary, Mohamed Salleh Abas, had ordered the appeal to be heard June 13 by a full bench but a few days after he made his decision, the king suspended him from office and set up a tribunal to investigate him on five counts of misconduct.

Military 'accomplishments' praised

Aquino hits back at critics

MANILA, Aug 8, (UPI): President Corazon Aquino, irritated by recent charges that her government has tolerated flagrant human rights violations, struck back at her detractors today saying the military should be proud of accomplishments.

"All the carping critics, who never risked their lives in combat, cannot diminish one bit what you have achieved this year," Aquino told the paramilitary Philippine Constabulary during a celebration of the national police force's 87th anniversary.

Several international human rights organisations have called attention to rampant rights abuses, including the recent murders of three human rights lawyers, which have been blamed on military and government-backed vigilante groups.

Aquino previously described as "biased" an Amnesty International report that was highly critical of the military.

"There is no need to list your achievements... in order to answer these critics," she said during ceremonies on the rain-slickened parade ground of the constabulary's headquarters.

"It is enough to recall that the communist threat became a military giant... which this



Aquino: defence

administration has cut off at the knees," she said in reference to the arrest this year of several leaders of the Communist Party of the Philippines and its military arm, the New Peoples Army.

Aquino has also been besieged with accusations of graft by her relatives and in the commission created by Aquino to clean up fraud and corruption remaining from the discredited administration of ousted ruler Ferdinand Marcos.

Aquino rejected those criticisms in her weekly radio programme yesterday evening, dismissing them as an attempt to "erode my credibility."

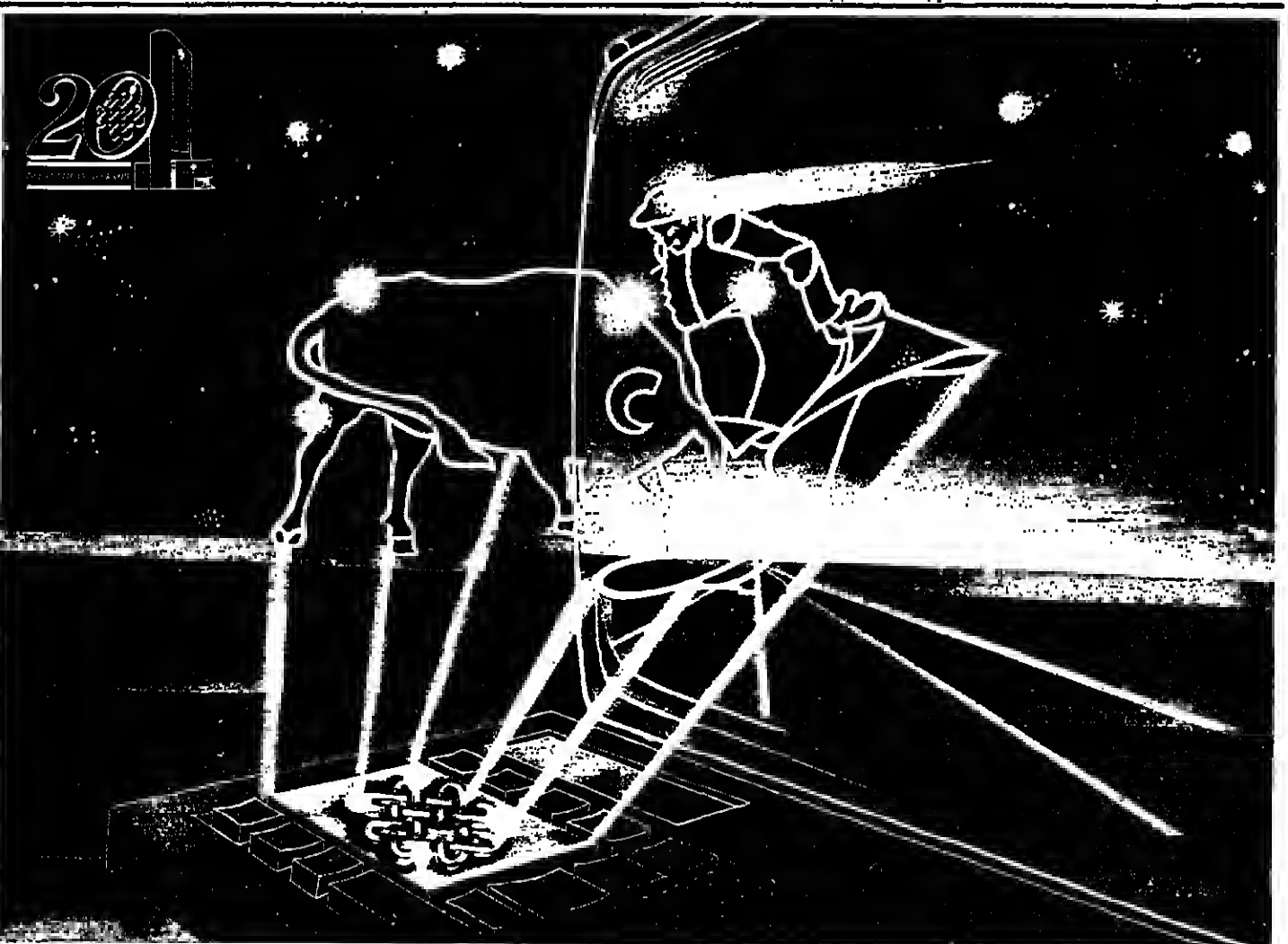
Meanwhile, a home-made bomb that failed to explode was found under a US Air Force sergeant's car at his home outside Clark air base, a base spokesman said today.

Capt. Maryellen Jadick said in a telephone interview from Clark that American bomb disposal experts defused the device shortly after it was found by a housekeeper early yesterday morning under the car of Sgt. Francisco Calabia.

A Filipino police officer, Danilo Manito, said the bomb's fuse was partially burned. It had apparently been lit and "must have been snuffed out by rain," he said.

A statement issued by Clark's public affairs office said Filipino and American investigators have not uncovered any motive or suspect in the attempted bombing, which occurred at a time of heightened security following increasing lawlessness around the base.

Communist rebels killed three Americans and a Filipino in attacks last October outside Clark, which is outside Angeles city, 80 kilometres north of Manila. More than 40 people have been killed in Angeles since May in murders that police blame mostly on communist rebels.



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Education faculty plans several programmes

THE Dean of the faculty of education at Kuwait University Dr Saad Al Hashel was quoted as denying that the faculty intends to create a department for information education to coincide with the opening of an information department by the Faculty of Arts at the beginning of the second semester — 1988-1989.

Al Hashel said that during the academic years 1988-89 and 1989-90, several programmes have been planned.

Guidance

These include the educational guidance programme diploma, preparing teachers for retardant students, sponsoring a conference to determine the best ways to encourage outstanding students, implementation of an agreement between the faculty and the Ministry of Education and Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC), in addition to admitting about 500 students.

Al Hashel said that the agreement between the faculty and the Ministry of Education is aimed at co-ordinating efforts towards more progress in the field of education, in addition to arranging training courses for the faculty's personnel.

The official denied that the faculty admitted students who had low average percentages. He stressed that the average percentage was fixed at 70.2 percent as a minimum for arts and at a 62.2 percent minimum for science.

He said that admissions were open not only for higher schools new graduates, but, also to those

of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training and the teachers institutes, provided the latter obtained a "very good evaluation" and had 60 percent as a minimum average at high schools.

Al Hashel clarified that the admission percentage is defined in the light of the state's needs for graduates.

Replying to a question, he said that many students refrained from joining the science division because classes were basically in English.

Additionally, he said, there was a lack of awareness and family guidance.

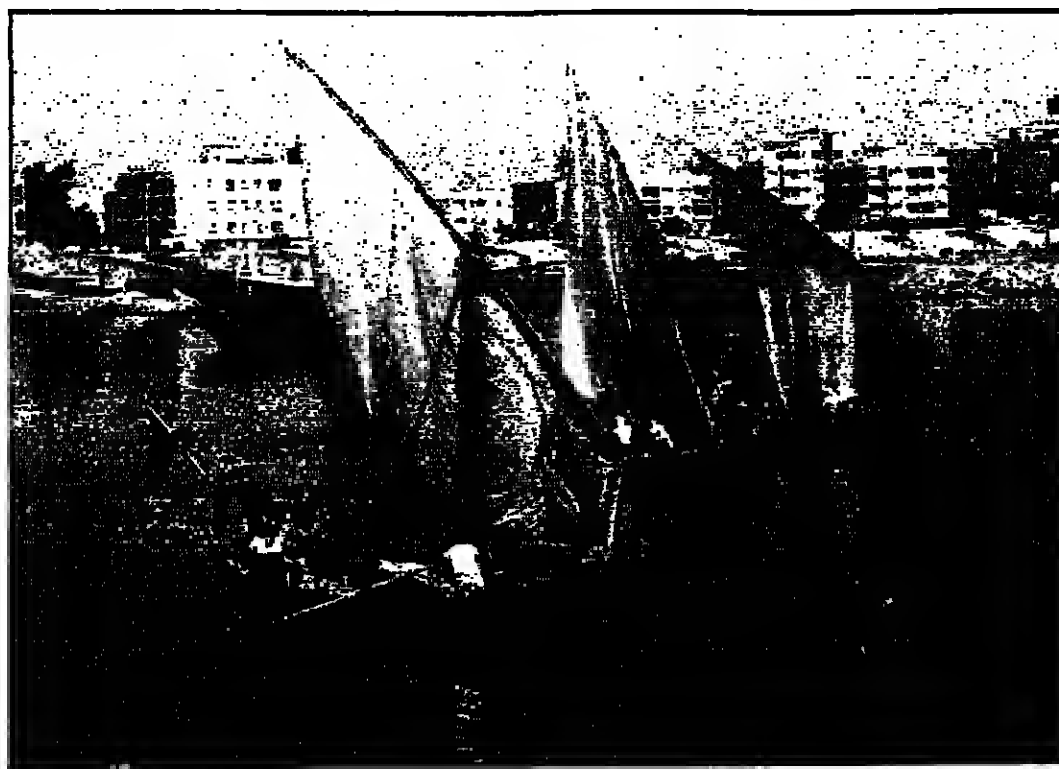
The credit hours system applied in the faculty was the result of serious and intensified studies on the very nature of education and took into consideration the psychology of students, he said. He added that the system had been applied at several countries and had proved efficient.

Modification

However, the dean admitted, that the system in its present form needed some slight modification to tailor it to Kuwait's community nature.

Responding to a question on whether the faculty had found solutions to the curriculum problems at the faculties of science, letters and sharia (religion), Al Hashel said a committee was formed and the faculty was keen to co-ordinate and co-operate with other faculties in this respect.

Gulf market unimpressive



Ships sailing off during the Fifth Marine Week

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Gulf market, which opened yesterday at Al Shaab Garden, failed to impress visitors since the range of locally manufactured products on show was rather limited and offered little of interest to most people.

The market is one of the activities of the Fifth Marine Week, which started on Aug 4. A number of products from GCC countries were displayed, but

there were very few goods from agricultural and industrial companies.

Another part of the market featured the old souk in Kuwait and its wares. At the souk, many women gathered with their children to explain how different things had been used in the past. The souk corner, with its exhibition of handmade carpets, bags, abayas and daras, stole the show.

During another activity, the

handicraft competition, participants showed their skill in making fishing nets. All the traditional kinds of nets, such as qaragier, madar and kirab, are still used by Kuwaiti fishermen.

Folkloric bands playing and singing sea songs entertained large crowds well into the night.

The GCC countries' diving trip started yesterday from Al Bida'a Club at 9 am and the divers are expected to return on Friday, Aug 12.

Amir congratulates Sheikh Khalifa

MANAMA, Aug 8, (KUNA): Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman received a telephone call from HH the Amir of Kuwait congratulating Sheikh Khalifa on his recovery.

Sheikh Khalifa thanked the Amir for his concern, the Manama-based Gulf News Agency reported today.

The Bahraini top executive has recently undergone surgery in one of Riyadh's hospitals. His condition was described as satisfactory.

Fahd's visit significant

CAIRO, Aug 8, (KUNA): King-Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz's visit to Egypt this month has special significance since it is the first visit for the Saudi monarch after the establishment of diplomatic relations between Riyadh and Cairo, an official source said today.

In a statement to Kuwait News Agency today, the Egyptian official said the visit will be a remarkable development in Saudi-Egyptian relations and will reflect on future bilateral relations.

An agreement tantamount to a treaty will be signed during the visit, the official added.

The visit is expected to lead to increased Saudi investments in Egypt and stronger co-operation in trade and industry.

Municipality projects

THE director of the construction department at Kuwait Municipality, Ahmad Al Subaih, said that among several projects, the Shuaiba marine fire centre is the most important.

The department is also building a number of WC utilities in Kuwait City, Shuaiba vegetable market and at motorways.

The department will execute a sewage network project at the central slaughterhouse, and build two sheds at the fish and vegetables market, including offices for brokers.

The department is building a fish, vegetables and meat market in Jahra area during the present five-year plan, which also includes houses for grave diggers, he said.

Vehicle collides with camel, nine killed

RIYADH, Aug 8, (AP): Nine people were killed and a 10th injured when a passenger vehicle collided with a camel on a highway linking the Red Sea town of Al Lith with Makkah in Saudi Arabia, newspapers said today.

The Arabic newspaper Al Madina reported the incident but did not specify when the tragedy occurred or if the survivor was the driver or a passenger. The victims were not identified.

Saudi Arabia's super-highways are generally safeguarded from wandering animals by fencing along the roads.

But frustrated herdsmen who want to move their beasts from one side of the road to the other sometimes cut holes in the fences to avoid travelling miles out of their way.

Couple asked to submit pledge of good conduct

THE Criminal Court refrained from passing sentence on a man and his maid for having sexual relations for over four months. The court based its judgement on evidence that the couple had married.

In March this year, the man's wife suspected illicit relations between the two and reported the case to the police, who questioned the accused couple.

They confessed to having had relations and in court, the man produced a marriage contract he made and later documented in June. The court accepted this and also took into consideration that the maid was seven months pregnant.

Although the court issued no sentence, the couple were asked to submit a pledge of good conduct for two years.

F-18 compromise

US pleased with Kuwaiti acceptance

WASHINGTON, Aug 8, (KUNA): The State Department said today the US was "pleased" that Kuwait had accepted the compromise F-18 arms package proposed by the Reagan administration.

In a statement during the daily press briefing, spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley noted there had been "some modifications" to the package, including a change in the mix of missiles to go with the 40 F-18 jets being sold to Kuwait. The delivery of the planes would be extended through instead of being completed by 1993.

Kuwait originally had asked for Maverick "D" and "G"-type missiles, but after consultations with Congress the US altered the package. It offered, for example, only a larger number of G missiles and no D-type weapons.

"The sale will provide a defensive air capability which meets Kuwait's long-term requirements," Oakley said.

And she added that with Kuwait's acceptance of the compromise deal, "we are proceeding with implementation of the sale now."

Search for black box might wind down

NICOSIA, Aug 8, (Reuters): Iran said yesterday that it might wind down its search for the flight recorder from the airliner destroyed by a US missile because Washington had admitted it was in the wrong.

The official Iranian news agency IRNA quoted an informed source as saying Tehran believed it did not need to spend as much money as before on the search.

Confessed

The reasons for the July 3 attack were quite clear and "even US officials have confessed the unmanly crime by their fleet," the agency quoted the source as

saying. IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said the flight recorder had virtually ceased transmitting the signals used to find it.

Special equipment obtained from Britain to trace the signals had been sent back, the agency said.

All 290 people on board the Airbus were killed when it was shot down by the US cruiser Vincennes over the southern Gulf.

The crew of the Vincennes said they had mistaken the airliner for an attacking fighter. A US Navy investigation showed human error by the crew was to blame, according to US defence

officials. Meanwhile, the international aviation experts probing the downing of an Iranian airliner said today they wanted to visit the US warship.

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) experts are visiting Dubai to examine airport records of the Iran Air aircraft.

"We have had Iran's co-operation and I have no reason to think we will not get it from the United States too," delegation spokesman Christian Eigi told Reuters. The team arrived from Tehran on Sunday. Eigi said the team did not yet

have a full picture of the incident, which US officials have acknowledged was caused by human error on the part of the Vincennes crew.

Hoped

The ICAO spokesman said he hoped the team would be allowed on board the Vincennes, which shipping sources said was now in the Indian Ocean.

The experts from the Montreal-based ICAO spoke to airport officials in Bandar Abbas while in Iran.

The ICAO team is due to leave for Abu Dhabi tomorrow to meet airport officials there, Eigi said.

Arab League delegates meet

NEW YORK, Aug 8, (Agencies): A high-level Arab League delegation led by Secretary-General Chadi Kibi met here last night to discuss ways to secure a comprehensive peace between Iran and Iraq.

Other delegates dispatched by the league's committee of seven are Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and Moroccan Foreign Minister Abdel Latief Filali.

The three officials arrived here on Sunday and met later in the day at the Waldorf Astoria hotel.

Plans

The group plans to confer with United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and other UN officials today in New

York, and with the American Secretary of State George Shultz in Washington on Wednesday. The committee was established in 1984 by the Tunis-based Arab League to follow developments in the eight-year-old Gulf war.

To discuss

The officials' arrival coincided with Iran's announcement yesterday it would agree to an Iraqi ceasefire proposal. A day earlier Iraq dropped its demand for face-to-face talks prior to a truce, paving the way for yesterday's breakthrough.

Filali is also expected to discuss with the secretary-general the forthcoming UN-sponsored talks to settle the war.

Meanwhile, Jordan's Foreign Minister Taib Al Masri will head an Arab League mission to Britain and France to discuss the war, the official news agency Petra said today.

Promote

Petra said the delegation, formed after the Arab League committee ended a meeting in Baghdad last week, would promote Baghdad's stand on UN efforts to implement Security Council Resolution 598.

De Cuellar plans to set a date for a ceasefire today.

Petra said Masri, Tunisian Foreign Minister Abdel Hamid Escheikh and Kibi would go to London on Thursday and to Paris next Monday.

Jordan to present half a million plants

RELIABLE sources at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries Wealth said that the Jordanian government will provide Kuwait with half a million fruit plants.

The decision was conveyed by Jordanian Minister of Agriculture Marwan Al Humoud through the Jordanian Ambassador in Kuwait, Nabil Al Talhouni.

The type of trees and methods of transporting them will be decided by Kuwait, sources indicated.

The director of the authority Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah said he appreciates the gift which reflects the brotherly relations

between the two countries.

The first 15,000 plants will arrive Kuwait on Sept 15. The second consignment will arrive in December and the third in February, the director said.

Sources said that the Jordanian decision was the result of a visit made by the authority's director, the team of the trip was to exchange expertise between agricultural officials of the two countries.

Meanwhile, the committee set up by HH the Amir to make Kuwait green completed its plans during the last few days.

The committee, headed by Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti, will submit recommendations to the Council of Ministers.

460 workers injured while on duty

AUTHORITIES at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour said that 460 persons were injured during work in the first quarter of the year.

Among the injuries in the four labour departments in the four governorates, 28 occurred in the mines sector, 162 in the industrial sector and 144 in the construction field.

Statistics released by the ministry revealed that about 34 per cent of the injuries occurred in Ahmadi governorate, followed by 26 per cent in the capital governorate, 21.3 per cent in Hawalli, and 18.7 per cent in Jahra.

Statistics at the ministry's labour departments in the four governorates indicated that 131,000 applications were processed — 68,000 by the capital governorate and over 43,000 in Hawalli. The rest were in Ahmadi and Jahra labour departments.

There were 39,985 renewals, 21,422 work permits, 148 applications for first time employment, 18,848 transfers within the private sector, 502 transfers from the public to the private sector, and 2,169 transfers from maids and servants to the private sector.

Further, applications processed in the first three months of this year for transfer from a family visa to the private sector amounted for 3,292, residences of those cancelled were 6,139 and 2,000 work permits were cancelled, according to statistics.

ROYAL COURT

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received at his office Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

The Crown Prince also received a number of citizens of the public diwan.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

No room for manoeuvring

TWO local newspapers yesterday expressed guarded optimism about Iran's intentions but warned that after eight years of merciless bloodletting the situation cannot accommodate manoeuvres and juggling with words.

Speaking of the agreement by Iran and Iraq to a ceasefire that will be followed by face-to-face talks, one daily said the peace process would not be a joyride.

"Some political twists might occur on the Iranian arena and hamper implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 598 and bring the war rituals to life again, the paper said in a front-page editorial.

It added that all Iran wanted to do was reciprocate Iraq's goodwill gestures and to employ the latest developments to achieve peace for its own interest and the interests of its neighbours.

Another Kuwaiti newspaper said Iraq had the right to be sceptical about Iran's acceptance of Resolution 598, and described Tehran's new attitude as a sudden turnaround.

In a front-page editorial comment, the daily hinted that Iran's latest agreement to direct talks with Iraq should be formally documented at the United Nations if the peace process in the Gulf was to flow smoothly.

Mubarak receives Saddam's message

CAIRO, Aug 8, (Agencies): President Hosni Mubarak met today with a top Iraqi leader who delivered a message from his President and discussed current UN-sponsored efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war.

Taha Yassin Ramadan, Iraq's First Deputy Premier and member of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council, arrived in Cairo today at the start of a tour that also will take him to Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

He told reporters he delivered to Mubarak a message from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on bilateral relations and efforts for a peaceful settlement of his country's war with Iran.

Another Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council member Saadoun Shaker left Baghdad today for Khartoum, carrying a similar message from Hussein to

the chairman of the five-man Sudanese Supreme Council Ahmed Al Mirghani.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said yesterday that Iran and Iraq have agreed to ceasefire conditions and that he plans to announce the truce date today. The agreement became possible when Iraq gave up its insistence that a ceasefire be preceded by direct talks, a demand that Iran strongly opposed.

Appreciation
Ramadan said Hussein's Message to Mubarak "reiterated appreciation for Egypt's support of Iraq's legitimate defence of its national sovereignty and its effort to achieve peace."

This apparently referred to Egypt's arms aid to Iraq, which Western diplomats in Cairo valued at more than \$1.5 billion.

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Computer system

FOR the first time in 27 years, the Israeli Boycott Office in Doha has incorporated a computer system to store boycott information.

An official at the office said that the new system will facilitate data retrieval for Qatar's merchants, companies and commercial offices and will improve office efficiency.

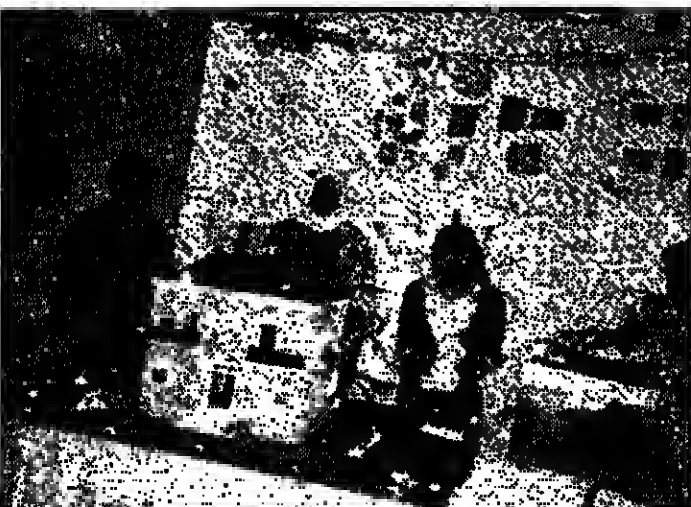
The office started feeding data last week and work is in progress on entering data of companies on the Boycott List.

Schools for Failaka

ABDULLAH Ibrahim Hassan, the controller of educational affairs at Failaka said that the Ministry of Education is planning to establish two schools at the island — one for boys and the other for girls.

He added, his department spared no efforts to help the summer clubs at the island, including providing scientific and sporting equipment in addition to transport vehicles.

Summer clubs exhibition



Girls of clubs during the opening ceremony.

THE director of Jahra educational area, Ibrahim Abal Khalil opened on Sunday morning an exhibition of products of the girls summer clubs of Jahra, Sulabiya and Sulabikhat.

Abal Khalil pointed out that there are about 4,000 pupils in

the seven summer clubs of Jahra Educational Area. The three clubs for girls have 1,400 members, and four boys' clubs have 2,800 on the register.

He added that members practice cultural, sporting, scientific, social and practical activities. HH the Amir awarded prizes to outstanding members.



The Japanese embassy held an embassy warming and Summer Survivors party at the new chancery on Sunday evening. The guests enjoyed a variety of Japanese and other East Asian dishes. Ladiaa enthusiastically took part in the numerous games arranged in the reception hall (left). The photograph above shows the Japanese Ambassador, Tadakiyo Nomura (fourth from right) with guests.

Painter, musician and karate girl

AFRAH Jaber Oun Attiya, 14, was recently named the "Kuwaiti Karate Federation Girl." A black belt in karate, as well as a talented painter and musician, Afrah first stepped into the limelight at an international friendship karate championship, held in Kuwait a few months ago. She is now looking forward to representing her country in the World Championships.

Afrah (which means happiness in Arabic) owes much of her success to her father, who trained in the martial arts. She holds no official certificate in karate, but was awarded the black belt by the Kuwait Karate Federation in estimation of her courage and efforts. She dislikes violence.

Afrah plans to participate in the World Championships, to be held in Cairo in October. She hopes to win a medal for her country; she would present it to

HH the Amir. She has denied allegations that she is quitting competition in order to be a trainer, adding it was too early for her to do so.

Afrah is also very artistically inclined. She started playing the organ when she was eight and still plays occasionally, often to help her father cope with stress. She whittles away much of her free time doing glass engravings. She plans to study law.

Afrah believes that karate is an art form, with its own set of principles, not unlike her glass engravings. She rejects claims that it is a tough sport and not suitable for women.

Although she herself has had no professional training, Afrah now trains a group of friends. Her elder brother Nayef is a well-known karate player. He has participated in a number of championships and won five gold medals.



Afrah (left) with her brother Nayef.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



Magnum helps a lawyer in distress in tonight's episode, on KTV 2 at 8.40 pm.

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.15 Dawa Lil Hub: starring Mirvat Amin, Mustaf Fahmi, Iman Al Tuki
- 11.15 Ala Dunya Al-Salam: Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Faded
- 12.15 Silver Spoons: starring Ricky Schroeder and Joel Higgins
- 1.50 Variety show
- 2.30 Al Sarab: Arabic serial
- 3.35 Cartoons
- 4.15 Arabic play: "Al Yateem" starring Hala Sedqi, Salah Rashwan
- 6.00 Cartoons
- 6.45 Summr '88
- 7.05 The World Around Us
- 8.00 Weekly programme: For Sheikh Ali Al Jasar
- 8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Al Hussan: Arabic daily serial starring

Samira Ayyoub and Saad Ardash
10.45 Nughoom Al Madina
11.45 News summary
11.50 World today via satellite Holy Quran
Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Rubick
- 6.30 Chocky: Matthew gains celebrity status as the story of the rescue and the role played by his 'guardian angel' makes front page news.
- 7.00 Australian Ark: "The Farthest West" Alcock at life in the desert territories of western Australia
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 You and the Law
- 8.40 Magnum: Magnum helps his lawyer girlfriend stop the judge from interfering in her private life.
- 9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites
- 10.00 Perfect Strangers: A

Hala Sedqi stars in the play Al Yateem, on KTV 1 at 4.15 pm.

man whom Larry helped to put behind bars is released

10.30 B.W. feature film: "Stand-in" starring Leslie Howard and Humphrey Bogart. An expert is called in to help a movie company in financial straits.

11.30 News summary, Magazine d'Actualite, Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

English

- 0800 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0805 Thoughts in Islam
- 0830 News
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900 Songs and Music
- 0930 They Sold a Million
- 1000 Our Press Today
- 1005 Songs and Music
- 1100 Closedown
- 1330 News on FM Service
- 2100 Opening
- 2102 In the Latin Mood
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2155 Songs and Music
- 2200 On Islam
- 2215 In the Groove
- 2245 Daily Programme
- 2300 Hi Special
- 2330 Jazz in Action
- 2400 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0800 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsworld
- 30 Berthoven

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

SOCIAL

Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abhisaya, will celebrate Onam on Aug. 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil — 2422973.

Malayalam debate

A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The topics are: A discussion on the important creations of Malayalam cinema (Aug 12); the different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19).

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun, 4814477.

Bangladesh variety show

Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Short Story
- 45 The Seven Ages of Shakespeare
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Network UK
- 30 Sports International (ex 2nd and 9th Pilgrim's Progress)
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 Without Strings
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 Morning High Notes
- 0700 World News
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D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August on 5746754 after 6 pm.

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Luniis. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Indian Arts Circle

The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7.30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.

Indian Independence Day

On the occasion of the Independence Day of India, August 15, there will be a flag hoisting ceremony at 8.30 am at Embassy premises, 34 Istiqlal St.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn

At the Holiday Inn, Al Ahmad Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation. On Wednesday, join the Sha-

hrazad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Super club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children on the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gymnasiums with saunas, solarium, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Failaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special coconut pie are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

At the Hamra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Ramada

El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

The take-away counter, opened daily from 4 to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel

The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Light snacks and ice-cream are available at the International Food Arcade; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm; live entertainment provided.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

At the Continental

The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Ahmadi. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shurwaka. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Italian Hour
- 1800 Pops
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pops
- 2200 Indian Classical Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Music
- 0200 Closedown

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Bichar-e-Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Jahan Numan
- 2100 Closedown

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Asr	3.29 pm
Maghreb	6.33
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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Running Man
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger
Al Salmiya
Reserved for Al Jazira Theatre
Al Hamra
White Apache
Drive-in
Al Fous Wa Al Wohoush
Starring: Mohammed Subhi and Madina Kamel
Al Firdous
Zalzala (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra, Kimi Katkar, Shatrughan Sinha, Anita Raj

Fahad Open-Air
Do Di Ki Dastan (Hindi)
Al Fahad
Warlords of Atlantis
Starring: Doug McClure, Peter Gilmore, Shane Rimmer
Al Jahra
Aniyachar (Bengali)
Granada
Ann Kilijude Tharrattu (Malayalam)
Sulaibikhat
Punu Man
Al Jebb
Mahan (Bengali)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Avam Fi London (Arabic)



Dharmendra co-stars with Kimi Katkar, Shatrughan Sinha, and Anita Raj in Zalzala, currently showing at Al Firdous.

By Dara Kadva

AHMED DEEDAT, whose towering 6' 3" frame and grey-streaked beard give him an imposing look, is a versatile Muslim orator who can hold his audience spellbound for hours.

He has a wide following in many states of the Middle East, Britain and the United States. He is now visiting his native India on a lecture tour.

Among Islamic theologians, he is a phenomenon because he has had no formal training in theology.

Except for Quranic verses, he knows no Arabic and is also poor in Urdu. His mastery is over the English language, with an adequate command of Gujarati, his mother tongue.

Sbaikh Deedat, as he is popularly known in some Arab countries, was born in India, near Surat. At the age of seven, he migrated with his family to South Africa and is presently a Durban-based South African citizen, from where he operates his Islamic Propagation Centre (IPC).

Scion of a trading family, Deedat gave up business in 1959 and took his 'mission in life' which was to propagate Islam through lectures and debates.

He and his brother Abdullah founded the IPC, which has now grown into a huge centre for Dawa (Islamic propagation), boasting a modern conference hall, library, publishing facilities and a video production unit.

Deedat is as much an authority on the Bible as the Quran, and his expertise on the former is apparent from the titles of his lectures: 'The Quran or the Bible, which is God's word?', 'The Muslim and the Missionary', 'Mootheism and Trinitry', 'The Bible in Islam, and Jesus, the beloved Prophet of Islam'.

Several years ago, Deedat had sent a widely publicised telegram to the late Pope Paul inviting him to embrace Islam, which he later changed to seeking only a meeting with the Pope.

Since then, he has annually renewed the demand for the meeting, but without response.

The preacher's antics arouse anguish, anger, resentment and sometimes also amusement among Christians, who cannot

Man with a mission

Indian-born Ahmed Deedat, South Africa's most colourful exponent of Islam is a phenomenon in the Islamic world. He has no formal training in theology, but can hold his audience spell-bound for hours with his mastery over the Holy Quran and the Bible.



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counter him publicly in Muslim countries.

Early this year, Deedat received an unexpected moral boost when the American TV evangelist, Rev. Jimmy Swaggart, with whom Deedat had held a TV debate in November 1986, was defrocked by his Church after confessing that he had indulged in offensive sexual activities.

The Deedat-Swaggart debate was held in two 3-hour sessions in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Deedat received a rich

reward when he was awarded the King Faisal International Award for the Service of Islam for 1986. The award, given annually by the Saudi government, is a kind of Arab counterpart of the Nobel Prize for literature.

"I will not hesitate to say that the governments of the Middle East are indifferent to the Christian propaganda being carried out in their area through radio, TV and mail," says Deedat.

He is annoyed about the fact that irrespective of the official curbs on churches and mission-

aries, the area is "flooded with tent-makers and their abodes."

He identifies a 'tent-maker' as one who comes to the area on a professional assignment but is, in reality, a disguised missionary who then carries out missionary work in flats and private houses.

At the same time, Deedat maintains that he is "not anti-Christian." "How can I be when we are part of the Ahle-kitaab?" he asks (Ahle-kitaab, meaning People of the Book, relates to the mention of Christians and Jews in the Quran).

"It is natural for a religious

group to feel resentful when things which militate against its belief are said. But I know that most Christians do not regard my views as an attack," he stresses.

Ahmed Deedat's views on South Africa are equally unconventional — he holds that, since the country's problem is political and not religious, only religion can help to rid it of the apartheid stigma.

"There is complete religious freedom in the republic and all faiths can preach within their own areas and neighbourhoods," he claims.

Struggle

The struggle against apartheid includes all non-whites but only the Christian side of it receives prominence, he complains.

Muslims form only two per cent of the country's population of 32 million, but they are making 20 per cent of the sacrifices, a fact which is little known.

"The press is full of Steve Biko (the black nationalist who was tortured to death while in prison), and Nelson Mandela on Robben Island (where leading revolutionaries are jailed), but it doesn't mention that the leading Indian Muslim fighter, Dr Yusuf Dadoo, had to flee the country and died in London several years ago."

Maulvi Kachia also had to flee South Africa, while Imam Abdullah Harroon died in prison. Ahmed Hafezi and Ahmed Timol died while in detention. Why isn't this mentioned?" asks Deedat.

According to the preacher, the present black struggle is not likely to lead to any tangible result because "there is simply too much wealth, power and dominance at stake."

People don't know that South Africa generates more electricity than the rest of the African countries put together, and 60 per cent of the black continent's total industrial production is in South Africa.

The white man is not going to give up all this for nothing. There is only continuous bloodshed in store for South Africa. And the problem will only be solved when the whole country goes Muslim, because there is no racism in Islam and the blacks and the whites will all be equal," concludes Deedat.

Courtesy: Illustrated Weekly of India

Plain clothes Pope shows human side of the papacy

By Philip Pulella

VATICAN CITY. (Reuter): Pope John Paul has transformed the face of the papacy in many ways but one of the most fundamental changes was brought vividly home this month not at the Vatican but in the mountains of northern Italy.

Before he assumed the papacy in 1978, popes were usually aloof, distant figures, virtual prisoners in the Vatican who had only limited contacts with ordinary people.

Newspaper photographs of the pope dressed in anything other than his white cassock or religious vestments were unthinkable.

Natural

But last month when Vatican officials released pictures of the pope hiking in ordinary clothing through the fog and over the streams of the northern Italian mountains they seemed natural, not shocking or incongruous.

The pictures showed the 68-year-old pope, who was on a 10-day private retreat in the Dolomites, dressed in baggy trousers, hiking boots, a wind-breaker jacket and white cap.

Resting in a mountain stable, walking with stick in hand through thick morning fog or crossing a stream, the pope looked like any elderly man contemplating his past.

The remarkably human pictures — one close aide said he feared they were "perhaps too human" for public consumption — showed just how much the image of the papacy has changed in 10 years.

Pope John Paul has dramatically shortened the previously long list of the things pontiffs are not expected to do.

He dropped the distant, pontifical 'we' when referring to himself, has travelled the world to visit Catholics rather than oversee the church from isolation in the Vatican and last year became the first pope in modern times to take a holiday elsewhere than the papal summer retreat at Castelgandolfo, near Rome.



Pope John Paul II, on a private holiday in northern Italy wearing a windbreaker, pants and cap surprised some of the faithful, who are used to seeing the pontiff in his white robes.

Many church observers believe a psychological turning point for the pope and a new era in how the public views the papacy were reached several days after he came within a hair's breadth of death in a May 13, 1981 assassination attempt in St Peter's square.

While recovering from severe bullet wounds the pope allowed himself to be photographed sitting up in a hospital bed.

Vulnerable

The first photograph of a pope in other than religious garb, it showed him wearing a white hospital robe, intravenous tubes protruding from his arms.

He appeared gaunt, human, as vulnerable as any man to the violence of modern times.

On the last day of his retreat — during which he took hikes of up to eight hours in the

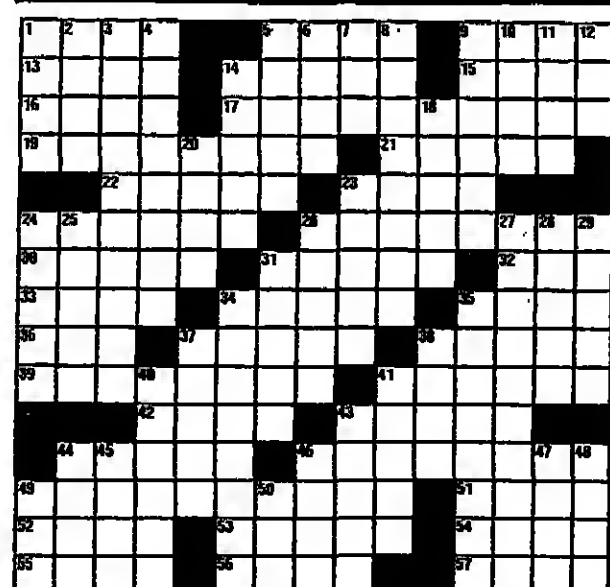
mountains above the Dolomite hamlet of Lorenzago — the pope was asked if he was not afraid of appearing too much as an ordinary man.

"Why be afraid of showing yourself to be a man among men? If Christ was not afraid to show himself to be a poor man who was in the end executed and crucified, how can we have such a fear? This is normal thing," he said.

Gigetta Costala, an elderly woman who runs Lorenzago's only general goods store, had no qualms about seeing pictures of the pope in garb other than his familiar white cassock.

But she thought a man of his stature should dress more smartly. So she guessed his size, wrapped a pair of her best corduroy knee-length hiking trousers in plain brown paper, and sent them to the pope via a Vatican aide.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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| 23 State, in France | 8 Capital of Sierra Leone | 40 Rollick on |
| 24 Slowly, to Mehta | 9 Japanese religion | 41 Jury |
| 26 "— pro Vita Sua": Cardinal Newman work | 10 African watercourse | 43 Sticks in the mud |
| 30 Canters | 11 Nautical term | 44 Turner of movies |
| 31 Casts forth vigorously | 12 Sound from the bleachers | 45 Glacier ridge |
| 32 UK country | 14 — acid | 46 Kristofferson |
| 33 New Haven scholars | 18 Calves | 47 Olive genus |
| 34 Cleveland Indians' great. AI — | 20 Speaker of baseball | 48 Promontory |
| 35 Fly high | 23 Rapiers' kin | 49 Stand at the plate |
| 36 Johnny — | | 50 Baseball stat. |
| 37 Goddess of agriculture | | |
| 38 Actor Greene | | |
| 39 Siblings | | |
| 41 Raw silk fabric | | |
| 42 Singer Vallee | | |
| 43 Dog's affliction | | |
| 44 Oafs | | |
| 46 Jamaica's capital | | |
| 48 Capital of Guadeloupe | | |
| 51 Decorated metal ware | | |
| 52 Med. school course | | |
| 53 Bay window | | |
| 54 Cote dwellers | | |

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

TAD BEGUM GLIB
 AMES AMATI RENA
 BERT RIVERBANKS
 UNBUCKLE REDDY
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 IDEA ORONO SLOE
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ 9532 ♥ AQ93 ♦ Q82 ♣ 73
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ DM ?
 What do you bid now?

you hold:
 ♠ Q984 ♥ 4 ♦ K762 ♣ Q843
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ 1 ♥ 2 ♦ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass ?
 What action do you take?

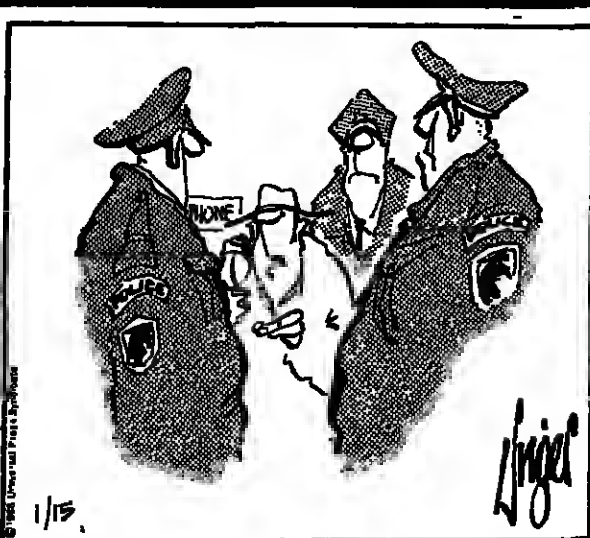
Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ A532 ♥ Q932 ♦ Q82 ♣ 73
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ DM ?
 What do you bid now?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 873 ♥ AJ1032 ♦ A6 ♣ K54
 The bidding has proceeded:
 South West North East
 1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 1 NT Pass 2 ♥ Pass
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 What action do you take?

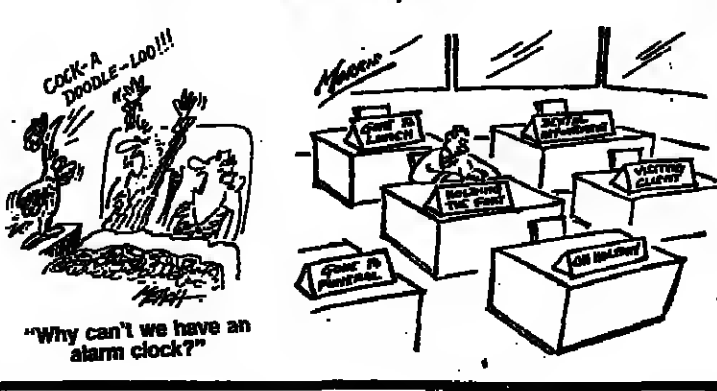
Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 83 ♥ AQJ6 ♦ 954 ♣ KJ63
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ 1 ♠
 1 NT Pass ?
 What do you bid now?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 873 ♥ AJ1032 ♦ A2 ♣ K54
 The bidding has proceeded:
 South West North East
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 2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
 ?
 What action do you take?

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South



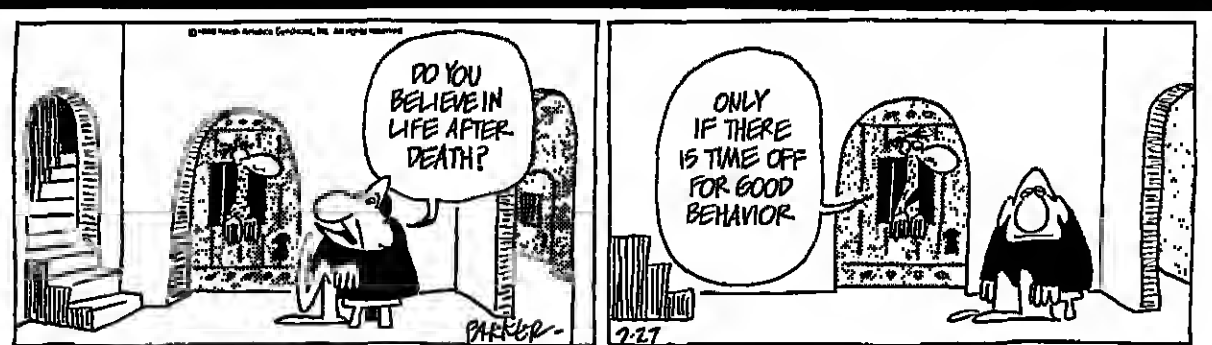
"What's the number for Dial-a-Prayer?"



"Why can't we have an alarm clock?"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You should not delay something you know ought to be done right away. Try not to allow some small matter to be blown up out of all proportion. Take a little better care of your health. Be prompt.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>Something you had feared might happen will not. However, you must not place too much trust in luck and must be on the lookout for mistakes. Do not expect to get something for nothing. Be resilient.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)</p> <p>You should not place too much reliance on others. You must take care to avoid a small problem becoming a large issue. Make sure you do not let yourself be distracted. Be a little more abstemious.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>You should not allow your emotions to get the better of you. You should avoid taking everything at its face value. Make sure you do not leave things until the last minute. Be less complacent.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You should show a little more sympathy towards an old friend who has had a rough deal. Avoid allowing yourself to be preoccupied with negative thoughts. Make sure you eat a healthy diet. Be moderate.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>You will be able to have a pleasant day. You will have plenty of nerve but must make sure you do not set off in the wrong direction. Give others the benefit of any doubt. Be more optimistic.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</p> <p>You will be able to catch up with a matter that has fallen behind. You should do your best not to make a nuisance of yourself. Make sure you do not neglect your health. Be moderate.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)</p> <p>Not everything will be the way you would like it to be but you will be able to cope. You must avoid putting two and two together to make 5. You should exercise restraint when dealing with someone in a bad mood. Be less suspicious.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You will have to act fast if you do not want to miss a good opportunity. Do not trust to luck to get you out of trouble. You must be a little more patient. Be alert.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>At first you will feel a little nervous and unsure of yourself but later you will find your own feet again. You should not retire into yourself. Avoid driving too long or too fast. Be amenable.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You should not hesitate to give thanks for other people's generosity. You will be on far better terms with your neighbours. You should keep your head and spirits high. Be confident.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You will be able to sort out a rather confusing situation. Once you have made up your mind you should stick to it. Do your best not to allow some small difference of opinion to become a major cause of controversy. Be generous.</p>

JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

Unfortunately, the world is not as nice a place as we would like it to be. Generally speaking, we can trust the people around us, but sadly there are some who we should steer well clear of.

The problem is, it is often hard to know who are the 'goodies' and who are the 'baddies'. In this situation, the only way to be sure of the safety of both ourselves and our possessions is to take care with all strangers. Do not accept a lift or an invitation to go alone somewhere with someone you have never met before. Do not wander away from your family or friends in public places — stick with the group. If you are alone at home, do not let callers in if your parents have not told you they are expecting someone, such as a repair man.

It is sad that to protect ourselves from the crazy few we have to be unfriendly to all strangers, but better than that to get into upsetting or dangerous situations.

Auntie Jayne

Happy birthday

Harpreet Arora celebrated her third birthday on August 8th. Best wishes from your loving Daddy, Mummy and sister Gurleen.



Solution to 'The palette':

1. Brown 2. Yellow 3. Purple 4. Green 5. Crimson 6. Magenta 7. Indigo 8. Violet

Solution to 'How many cubes...': 22 (remember those you can't see!)

Solution to 'Unscramble the letters...': Gardening book, Cookery book, Animal story.

General knowledge quiz

1. In the great movement known, historically as the Reformation, what was reformed?
2. If you were given an audiometer test, what would the examiner be trying to find out?
3. What does a photometer measure?
4. In church architecture, what is a clerestory?
5. Where is the highest railway in the world?
6. Which is the longest motor car tunnel in the world?
7. In mythology, what did Atlas have to support on his shoulders?
8. The Renaissance was one of the most important periods in European history: what does the word renaissance mean?
9. What kind of building has a portcullis?
10. Why do you think that King James I must have been pleased that he had the Houses of Parliament searched on the night of November 4, 1605?
11. Why do you think the Trojans must have regretted taking a wooden horse into their city at the end of the siege of Troy?
12. What is the Salic Law that prevented Queen Victoria from ruling Hanover?
13. Why are silicon transistors preferred to germanium in communication equipment used in rockets?
14. Argon and helium are inert gases. What is an inert gas?
15. Pewter and bronze are alloys. What is an alloy?
16. Pointers or hands indicate the time on a watch. What indicates the time on a sundial?
17. What is the indicator in a spirit level?

Solution on Thursday

Retold by Stephen Corrin

ORPHEUS was the son of Oeagrus, King of Thrace, and Calliope, one of the Nine Muses, who inspired poets. Apollo, the god of music and poetry, gave Orpheus a golden lyre and with this he would go to quiet, lonely places and play. But he was never left alone for long. Ants and spiders and bees would stop their work and come near to listen to him. Birds stopped singing and building their nests and perched on any twig they could find, transfixed by his playing. Wild beasts heard him from afar and would gather round to listen, but the smaller creatures had nothing to fear from them while Orpheus' music filled the air: their savage breasts were tamed. Not even the trees, the rocks and the mountains could resist the power of his music, and they would uproot themselves to come and join the magic circle of creatures, great and small, that had gathered around the god-inspired musician.

When the Argonauts went to Colchis in quest of the Golden Fleece, Orpheus accompanied them and it was his enchanted music which saved his companions from being lured to death by the singing Sirens on whose island countless sailors had perished.

Orpheus and Eurydice

It was the golden strains of Orpheus' lyre that lulled to sleep the guardian dragon of the Fleece itself.

The nymphs in the valleys admired Orpheus, and the most beautiful of them, Eurydice, fell deeply in love with him and became his wife. For a while they lived together in the greatest harmony and bliss, for never were the bonds of love so strong as those which bound these two together, but one day Eurydice trod on a poisonous snake and was bitten in the ankle. She died almost immediately and descended to the underworld of Hades. Orpheus' grief was long and bitter and he would not be comforted. At last he begged Zeus, the greatest of the gods, for permission to descend to the underworld so that he might try to persuade Pluto, who was the ruler there, to release his beloved Eurydice and let her return again to the land of the living.

Zeus saw how deep was the suffering of Orpheus, so he granted him the right to descend to the darkness of the underworld to seek out his beloved. He had first to cross the River Styx, which flows down in a mighty sweep from a great

rock and connects the upper to the nether world. At first the ferryman, Charon, stubbornly refused to transport him but when he heard the sweet music of Orpheus' lyre he was in such a state of wonderment that he yielded and ferried the musician across. Even more difficult an obstacle was the three-headed dog Cerberus, who guarded the gate at the entry to the underworld. His ferocious barking made the music of the lyre quite inaudible, but finally his melodious strain penetrated the ears of even that monstrous creature and Orpheus was allowed to pass through. Nor did his music fail to cast a spell on the Furies, who cast aside their whips and were silent as Orpheus passed them. The final barrier to Hades was the Pool of Memory, which one could not cross without knowing the password. However, this was willingly revealed to him by Persephone, Queen of the Underworld, who was bewitched by the sound of Orpheus' lyre.

In the underworld itself the tortures of the victims were interrupted so that all, even the torturers, could enjoy Orpheus' sweet music. The ever-

rotating wheel, to which Ixion was tied for his treachery to the gods, stood still for the first time. Tan-talus, who had tried to trick the gods by offering his son's crooked body as part of a feast to them and whose punishment was to stand in the middle of a lake surrounded by luscious fruit-trees but never to satisfy his thirst or hunger, was for a while allowed to eat and drink. And Sisyphus, another trickster who had angered the gods, had some respite from the downward-rolling stone which it was his punishment to keep forever pushing upward.

Then Orpheus had to appear before the dread Pluto himself. On his knees, with tears flowing from his eyes, he implored him to restore his beloved Eurydice to the land of the living, for life without her was unbearable torment. When Pluto refused, Orpheus took up his lyre and played such heart-rending music that even the fearsome ruler of the underworld was softened. Pluto agreed to restore Eurydice to life — but on one condition, namely, that Orpheus must not once look back as his beloved followed behind him, until she had safely

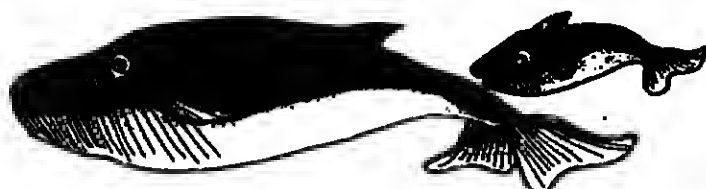


reached the light of the living world. The gratitude of the stricken lover knew no bounds and he agreed without hesitation to what seemed to be a very simple condition. He began his journey back to the upper world and looked straight ahead of him. On and on he went, hastening to complete his dangerous passage through Hades but... just as he was nearing the end, a dreadful suspicion suddenly overwhelmed him. Was Eurydice really following behind him (for he could hear no footsteps) or was Pluto playing some vile trick upon him? Orpheus looked fearfully back... only to hear the agonised cry of pain from Eurydice as she disappeared for ever from his

sight. Filled with rage and grief, Orpheus returned to the upper world and lived for many weeks without food or drink by the banks of the River Strymon, not caring what happened to him. He refused to worship the new god of wine, Dionysus, and so, to punish him, Dionysus ordered his wild followers, the Maenads, to tear him to pieces. They cut off Orpheus' head and threw it into the river.

The Nine Muses gathered up the remains of the greatest of all musicians and buried them at the foot of Mount Olympus. It was said that as his head floated down the river it still cried out the name of his beloved Eurydice and in the distance his golden lyre could be heard playing still.

Can you name the young of the creatures listed below?



horse		deer	
whale		hare	
sheep		lion	
swan		frog	
goat		pig	

Solution on Thursday



Why did they take Cinderella out of the hockey team?
Because she ran from the ball.

I have seven ears, ten noses and four mouths. What am I?
Pretty ugly!

A dustman was walking along the road whistling and carrying 12 dustbins. 'How do you do it?' I asked.
'Easy,' he said, 'just put your lips together and blow.'

What is white on the outside, green on the inside and jumps?
A frog sandwich.

Man: 'I think I've seen your face somewhere else.'
Lady: 'No, it's always been here, on me.'

'Waiter, waiter, there's a dead fly in my soup.'
'Yes, sir, it's the heat that kills them.'

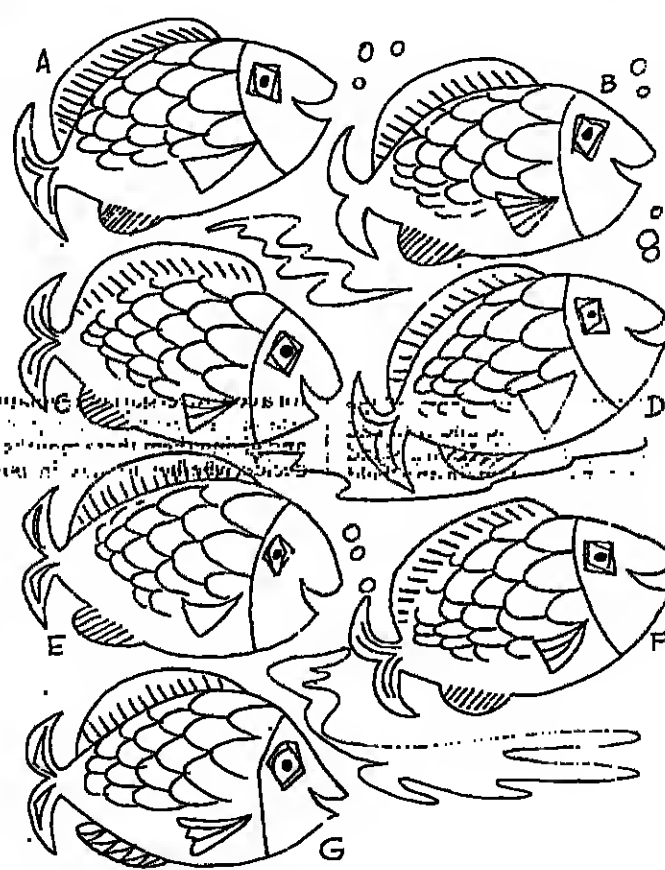
What is small, brown and carries a suitcase?
A handle.

Who would win a boxing match between a dog and a hedgehog?
A hedgehog on points.

How do you join the police force?
Handcuff them together.

'Waiter, waiter, there's a flea in my soup.'
'We've run out of flies, sir.'

Fish Fun

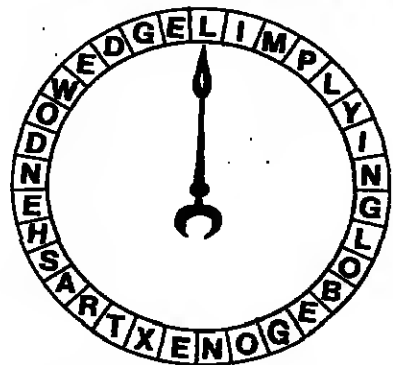


Which two fish are most alike?

WORD WHEEL

Starting with the letter 'L' at the arrow, see how many everyday words of three or more letters you can find in the wheel below. Always go in a CLOCKWISE direction and don't skip over any letters. Words nestle within other words, so look carefully. Where some words end, other words begin. Abbreviations, contractions, foreign, slang, poetic words, or words beginning with a capital letter are not allowed. Remember: Look only for words that are three letters or more in length.

NOTE: You cannot count the same word twice. You may, however, count each different FORM of a word. For example, if you saw the letters C, A, R, E, D, you would score five words: CAR, CARE, CARED, ARE, RED. In this Word Wheel, words ending in 'S' are not allowed.



Solution on Thursday

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE LARGEST WINGSPAN OF ANY BIRD IS THAT OF THE WANDERING ALBATROSS (*DIOMEDEA EXULANS*). THE AVERAGE BEING 10 ft 4 in (3.15 m). A SPECIMEN WITH A SPAN OF 11 ft 11 in (3.63 m) WAS CAUGHT IN THE YAMWAN SEA ON 15 SEPT 1965.



Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE FASTEST FLYING BIRDS ARE FOUND AMONG THE DUCKS AND GESE (*ANATIDAE*), AND SOME POWERFUL SPECIES LIKE THE RED-BREASTED MERGANSER (*LAGRUS LAGRARIUS*), THE EIDER (*SOMATERIA MOLLISSIMA*), THE CANNADUCK (*AYTHYA VALISINIA*) AND THE SPUR-WINGED GOOSE (*PLEISTOCYRUS GAMBELII*) CAN PROBABLY EXCEED AN AIR SPEED OF 104 mph (65 mph) IN LEVEL FLIGHT.



THE MOST AERIAL OF ALL BIRDS IS THE SOOTY TERN (*STERNA FUSCATA*) WHICH, AFTER LEAVING THE NESTING GROUNDS, REMAINS CONTINUOUSLY ALIOT FROM 3 TO 10 YEARS AS A SUB-ADULT BEFORE RETURNING TO THE BREEDING GROUNDS.



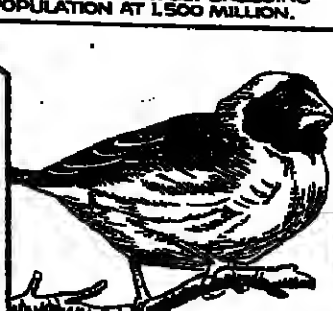
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THE WORLD'S RAREST BIRD OF PREY IS THE MAURITIAN KESTREL (*ELANIDUS FORSTERI*), HAVING DECLINED TO ONLY SIX IN 1973 AND WITH NEVER MORE THAN 15-25 BIRDS EVEN IN THE BEST YEARS. ITS DECLINE HAS BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY PRESSURE FROM ONE OF THE DENSEST HUMAN POPULATIONS IN THE WORLD.



THE CHATHAM ISLAND ROBIN (*ERODROMA TRAVERSII*), WAS REDUCED TO JUST FIVE IN 1980 WHEN THE NEW ZEALAND WILDLIFE SERVICE STEPPED IN, TRANSFERRING EGGS TO THE NESTS OF A CLOSELY RELATED BIRD. IN 1985 THE POPULATION HAD INCREASED TO 98, THE HIGHEST NUMBER THIS CENTURY.

THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE MOST ABUNDANT BIRD IN THE WORLD IS THE RED-BELLIED QUAIL (*QUAILA QUAILA*). A RECENT ESTIMATE PUTS THE ADULT BREEDING POPULATION AT 1,500 MILLION.



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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Venezuelan energy minister resigns

World oil prices rise on Gulf peace prospects

LONDON, Aug 8. (Reuters): Oil prices rose today on hopes that a ceasefire between OPEC member states Iran and Iraq may reunite the organisation in its efforts to curb excess production, traders said.

The price of Brent blend crude from Britain's North Sea, the most widely-traded international grade, firmed by as much as 35 cents a barrel in spot or free markets after UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he planned to announce a ceasefire date today.

Unity
Brent for lifting in October, the most active forward month, traded as high as \$15.35 per barrel.

"Peace is bullish," one trader said.

He was among those who

expect peace to boost unity within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

But some other traders and analysts say peace may bring lower prices in the longer term as Iran and Iraq might pump more oil to pay to repair shattered economies.

OPEC president Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria said overproduction by OPEC members may require an emergency ministerial meeting of the group, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported on Friday.

Oil prices fell last week after a meeting of the organisation's five-member ministerial pricing committee which traders judged did nothing to deal with the prevailing glut. Brent fell to around \$14.40 a barrel on Thursday.

OPEC has been trying to defend prices at \$18 a barrel but its efforts to achieve this by output curbs have been marred by policy disagreements and overproduction.

Meanwhile, Venezuelan Energy Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti, a key OPEC figure who was a vocal critic of Gulf Arab states' recent oil policies, has resigned his post, the official Venpres news agency said yesterday.

Candidate
President Jaime Lusinchi has accepted Hernandez Grisanti's resignation and will swear in Deputy Energy Minister Julio Cesar Gil as his replacement. Venpres quoted sources close to the Presidential Palace as saying, Venpres gave no reason for the resignation of Hernandez

Grisanti, who has served as energy minister since February 1984, when Lusinchi took office for a five-year presidential term.

Hernandez Grisanti, 60, had been widely expected to step down from his ministerial post before Sept 4 in order to qualify as a candidate for the Senate in upcoming general elections.

Under Venezuelan electoral law, all cabinet ministers wishing to stand as parliamentary candidates must give up their posts at least three months before the elections on Dec 4, 1988. Hernandez Grisanti has been nominated by the ruling Democratic Action (AD) party as a candidate for a Senate seat, political sources said.

Gil, the incoming energy minister, is a mild-mannered career diplomat who has served as a

petroleum attaché in Venezuelan embassies abroad.

In 1986, Hernandez Grisanti served as president of the OPEC at a time when prices plunged from more than \$30 a barrel to a low of under \$10 a barrel.

Last year the minister vigorously criticised Gulf Arab OPEC states that he said were overproducing and contributing to weak oil prices, but he refrained from singling out and identifying any nation for violating its quota.

Prompter
Last month, however, he criticised the UAE for being a factor in keeping world oil prices significantly below the OPEC target of \$18 a barrel.

The UAE last June authorised producers to pump up to 1.5 million barrels a day (BPD), far

above its quota of 948,000 BPD. OPEC secretary-general Subroto visited the UAE late last month for talks on the matter.

Hernandez Grisanti was also a vigorous promoter of recent OPEC attempts to reach a production cutback accord with non-OPEC nations.

His contacts with Mexico, the other large oil producer in Latin America, were especially useful in trying to forge an OPEC/non-OPEC accord, as were his talks with officials from neighbouring Colombia, a growing independent oil producer.

Hernandez Grisanti's resignation was announced by Venpres together with that of Interior Minister Jose Angel Ciliberto. Ciliberto is also expected to stand for a parliamentary seat in the elections next December.

Gulf war risk cargo insurance rates to fall

LONDON, Aug 8. (Reuters): War risk insurance premiums for cargoes on ships sailing to and from most Gulf ports are being reduced on prospects of an Iraqi ceasefire, the marine insurers' London-based war risk rating committee said today.

The reductions effective Tuesday reflect a decline in attacks on shipping and prospects of an imminent ceasefire in the eight-year-old Gulf conflict, it said.

Rates to shipments of crude oil, petroleum products and gas cargoes to and from Kuwait and northern Saudi Arabian ports will be cut to 0.25 per cent of the value from 0.375 per cent.

Those for all other cargoes in this area will drop to 0.2 per cent from 0.3.

The same rates will also apply for Ras Tanura, Bahrain and UAE United Arab ports up to just outside the Straits of Hormuz, excluding Iran.

But the northern part of the Gulf covering Iraq and Iran and including Iran's big Kharg island oil terminal will remain on a "held cover" basis, with charterers having to apply for a quotation for each individual voyage.

Cargoes
An 0.375 per cent premium will apply for all cargoes for several other Iranian ports, against 0.5 per cent previously.

Rates for ships' hulls as against cargoes are also likely to fall.

Meanwhile "spot" oil prices gained up to 30 cents to around \$15.25 a barrel on hopes that a ceasefire between OPEC founder members Iraq and Iran might lead to better cooperation in the organisation on curbing excess production.

UK and Japan pay half their '88 contributions to FAO

ROME, Aug 8. (Reuters): Britain and Japan have each paid half their 1988 contributions to the financially-troubled United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the agency said today.

It said Britain had paid around \$7 million while Japan had contributed around 14 million. A spokesman said the money from both countries was received in July.

"We hope that they will be able to pay the rest as soon as possible to alleviate a far-from-desirable financial situation while we are engaged in major campaigns against locust infestations that threaten much of Africa," a spokesman said.

The FAO's major contributor, the United States, paid \$25 million of blocked contributions in late July after settling a row over budget procedures.

Crisis
Several major donor countries in the 158-nation agency, which faces a severe cash crisis because of the withholding of contributions, have protested that they do not have enough say in the way a budget is drawn up.

The United States, Britain, Canada and Australia opposed the agency's 1988-89 budget of \$92 million at a FAO conference in November when director-general Edouard Saoumaon announced an unprecedented six-year term despite their opposition.

But a meeting in May of AO's finance and planning committees answered many of their concerns by agreeing that a joint mission would be sent to consult member nations before drawing the biennial budget.

Congress for new international debt authority

WASHINGTON, Aug 8. (AP): The US Congress has gone on record as favouring a new international body to buy up some of the Third World's \$1.2 trillion debt at a discount and pass the benefit on to the debtor countries.

The benefit would consist of smaller payments of interest, which now cost the debtors tens of billions every year. The debt would be reduced in face value, repackaged and sold to new creditors.

A plan to set up the body, to be called the International Debt Management Authority, is part of the 1,000-page trade bill on which the Senate completed congressional action on Wednesday.

It now goes to President Ronald Reagan, and is expected to become law.

Negotiations
One section of the bill calls on the US Secretary of the Treasury to start negotiations with US allies to set up the new authority. But it contains an "escape hatch" that excuses him from acting if the negotiations would encourage debtor governments to default, or would tend to reduce the value of the debt on the market. He would have to explain this position to Congress.

US Treasury officials have argued that opening such negotiations would in itself lower the value of the debt, which has in any case been declining on the narrow market that exists.

Another approach to international debt is contained in a separate bi-partisan bill under consideration in the House of Representatives. This bill, which is unconnected to the trade bill, would let progress on debt reduction to a new US contribution to the World Bank, which has been urged by the Reagan administration.

The World Bank is owned by 151 countries, with the United States holding the largest block of shares. It is the largest source of aid to Third World countries and among their biggest creditors.

As the bill now stands it would promote setting up a system of debt relief through the bank, with some guarantees to creditors who agree to reduce the payments they get from any debtor country.

Approval
This bill has been approved by a House sub-committee and is expected to go before the full banking committee, possibly as soon as next week. But it would still need the approval of the whole House of Representatives, and of the Senate before it could go to Reagan for signature to become law.

It could also be amended at various stages before it reached Reagan.

Mustafa signs appendix to a law regulating investment firms

CAIRO, Aug 8. (Reuters): Egyptian Minister of Economy Yousri Mustafa signed today rules for a controversial law regulating Islamic investment companies and giving them three months to decide whether to stay in business or close down.

The regulations clarified a law passed by parliament and signed by President Hosni Mubarak in June, forcing the private companies either to go public and adhere to stricter regulations or liquidate.

A spokesman for the ministry of economy said the firms will have three months effective tomorrow to decide on their status. Firms wishing to close down will be given two years to pay back depositors and wind up their affairs.

Schemes
The Islamic investment firms, operating risk-sharing schemes that give depositors a share in profit or losses, had paid over 20 per cent returns compared to up to 13 per cent offered by banks.

A confidential report by a public sector bank estimated that four leading Islamic companies had 375,000 depositors and together controlled 4.3 billion Egyptian pounds (\$1.9 billion).

This was equal to 14 per cent of total deposits in Egyptian commercial banks at the end of June 1987 and 21 per cent of deposits

in public sector banks, the report said.

The risk-sharing method avoids payment of fixed interest, banned by Islam, but many officials and bankers were concerned the unregulated companies posed a serious danger to the economy.

They feared new deposits were being used to pay urgent accounts, and that a run on the companies might reveal empty vaults and spark social unrest.

The companies denied the charges.

Egyptian officials have sought to reassure depositors, many of whom have been unable to retrieve funds from some companies since the law was signed.

"We are not at all against the existence of these companies," Mubarak said in July. "We do not stand against them or against their continuity on condition they comply to discipline and participate in building, not destroying, the national economy."

Position
The 71-article appendix to the law asked companies to state their financial position and deposit their money, whether foreign currency or Egyptian pounds, in Egyptian banks.

Some of the half-dozen biggest companies keep part of their deposits abroad and have not yet decided whether to comply with

the new regulations.

Capital Markets Authority spokesman Abdel Hamid Ibrahim told Reuters two of the major firms, Al Saad and Badr investment companies, have stated their desire to comply with the new law. He said other major companies such as Al Rayan and Al Hoda have not yet approached the authority.

Decision
A spokesman for Al Saad confirmed that his company plans to comply, a decision he said was based on the wishes of several hundred thousand depositors.

An official at Al Rayan company, which had previously said it may have to liquidate, said the company would probably continue in business and will make a formal announcement tomorrow.

The regulations, in an appendix to the June law, stated that companies will be forbidden from receiving deposits in excess of tenfold their capital without exceptional permission from the ministry of economy.

Depositors will receive money certificates stating clearly the company's capital, the name and nationality of the depositor, and methods for distributing profits or losses. All companies must have a clear and open book-keeping system, the appendix said.

Bahrain awards \$74m gas expansion project

BAHRAIN, Aug 8. (Reuters): Bahrain will award a Japanese company a \$74 million contract to expand its natural gas processing plant by nearly 50 per cent, an industry official said today.

JGC Corp has been chosen to build two new compressor stations and a second process train at the Bahrain National Gas Company BSC (BANAGAS), production manager Ali Al Gindy told Reuters.

The new project will increase production of propane, butane and naphtha to 250 million cubic feet per day from 170 million, he added. The new capacity is mainly for export.

Deal
The deal was approved by the Bahrain cabinet on Sunday evening and will be signed within a few weeks.

Construction will start early in 1989 and is due for completion around April, 1990.

BANAGAS is owned 75 per cent by the Bahrain government, 12-1/2 per cent by Caltex Petroleum Corporation and 12-1/2 per cent by the Arab Petroleum Investments Corp (APICORP).

However, the expansion project will be owned 100 per cent by the Bahrain government, said Gindy.

Soviet scientist calls for programme to 'save our country'

MOSCOW, Aug 8. (Reuters): A Soviet scientist has called for a massive programme to make the country self-sufficient and clean up its environment and said architects of Kremlin reforms were spending too much time on economic theory.

"We don't need the mathematical equations of economists. We need a programme for how to save our country," Moscow scientist M. Antonov wrote today in Sovetskaya Rossiya, the newspaper of the Russian federation.

The programme should spell out "how to revitalize lands, how to clean up polluted rivers, how to restore forests, how to secure the technological, economic and political independence of the country," Antonov said.

Strong
He criticised leading economist Leonid Abalkin, a strong advocate of reform who has inspired Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, for peddling outdated ideas during the recent Communist Party conference in Moscow.

In his speech to the conference, Abalkin said little economic headway had been made in the past three years and the Soviet system of central planning needed radical change. Abalkin also contributed an article to Sovetskaya Rossiya last month in which he said state planning bodies were lagging behind the ideas of economists.

Antonov countered that many recent instructions from leading economists were so complicated that they actually hindered the Kremlin's programme of Perestroika, or reconstruction of the national economy.

Problems
He added that the Soviet Union faced many problems that could not be solved by purely economic reforms or incentives.

"We have brought many regions of the country to ruin. To continue to develop public production, leaning only on economic methods and criteria, means to turn our land into a desert," he said.

UK house prices rise by 4.3pc

LONDON, Aug 8. House prices rose by 4.3 per cent last month — an annual rate of more than 30 per cent if it were sustained — according to statistics from the Halifax Building Society. But the society expects the figure to represent a peak.

In the 12 months to the end of July, prices nationally increased by 28 per cent.

In East Anglia the average increase over the years to the end of July was 55 per cent, as people moved out of London in search of affordable properties.

This trend includes the West Midlands, which had the biggest regional rise last month at nine per cent.

There are signs that prices in Greater London and the south-east are beginning to slow. The society has been surprised by the pace with which regional prices have caught up.

The average London price is now £94,000 after a 25 per cent rise over the year. In East Anglia, the average property is £36,000.

The national average price stands at £62,881, with the average new price costing 30 per cent more than a year ago at £72,868.

"We should see a slowing up in the rate of house price inflation to about 22 per cent by the end of the year, which is still a pretty horrendous figure with incomes rising at eight per cent," said Ian

Lumsden, of the society's planning and research department.

The current house price inflation rate is the highest since the 29 per cent recorded in 1979, but is lower than the boom of 1972-73.

Flat buyers in London's docklands are being offered £1,000 a month for a year by a builder and an Abbey National Building Society subsidiary if they exchange contracts before Aug 31.

The offer, which would cover the mortgage payments for the first year on the £97,000 one-bedroom flat, was made recently by Fairclough Homes and Abbey National Homes.

Sales
Twelve first-time buyers have already put down their names for the properties at Orion Court on the Isle of Dogs.

There is a £10,000 cash alternative but so far all the buyers have opted for the monthly payments.

Paul Roberts, sales director, said: "We are making the offer to maintain our sales rate through August, which is expected to be quiet following the increase in mortgage interest rates and the withdrawal of dual tax relief."

A parking space in Kensington is on the market for £20,000. It measures 7 ft by 17 ft, is on the edge of a private underground car park, and has a 75-year lease.

Sam Courban, 41, who bought the bay with his flat in 1986, said only two callers had shown interest, but he was confident of getting the asking price.

Maldives bank not permitted to offer its shares in the local market

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry yesterday denied reports that it gave the Maldives International Bank permission to offer its shares in the local market urging the citizens to refrain from buying shares in any company without permission from the ministry.

The ministry spokesman was referring to recent advertisements in the local press about shares of the said bank.

The founding committee of the Maldives International Bank had asked for the ministry's permission on March 12 to advertise in the local press for sale of shares of the bank but the ministry turned down the application for conflicting with the current laws.

The ministry rejected another request by the said bank on June 7, the spokesman added, recalling that the assistant under-secretary for commerce had explained this point in numerous occasions and in the press.

Farmers shun insurance as US keeps bailing them out

WASHINGTON, Aug 8. (Reuters): This year's drought may mean the worst US farmbelt disaster in half a century but for the American taxpayer last year was also a farm disaster — and so was 1986, 1984 and 1983.

A vast majority of American farmers do without insurance that could protect them from crop losses. Instead, they rely on the government to bail them out.

And assuming that a \$3.9 billion drought-rebail bill now pending in Congress is signed, the government will have spent close to \$5 billion in disaster compensation for farmers since 1983 because of drought, floods or other calamities.

Reliance
Lawmakers and farm leaders are now saying that a Federal Crop Insurance programme must be reformed to end the reliance on Washington for disaster relief.

"The problem is that there is a growing perception, and I think a correct one, that tells the farmers that if the worst happens, Congress is going to come in and write a drought (relief) bill," said representative Charles Stenholm, a Texas Democrat.

Tight budgets and a declining farm population threaten soon to prove the perception wrong, he said. "I'm not sure how much

longer we're going to see drought bills."

Under the Federal Crop Insurance programme, farmers can choose, within a range, what portion of their crop and what price level they wish to insure against most crop disasters.

Cost
The government subsidises about 30 per cent of the premium cost through its federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Insurance rates are based on the risk in an area and crop yields.

For a Minnesota corn field in 1987, the average premium was \$4.42 per acre for the minimum level of coverage. Such a field can produce \$300 to \$450 worth of corn per acre.

Only a third of US farmland was protected by Federal Crop Insurance this year, according to private estimates. Even that rate would be a record, with participation boosted by banker requirements that farmers insure crops produced with borrowed money.

Participation tends to be higher in plains states, where risk is relatively high and dust bowl memories linger. It is lower in Midwestern states, where risk is less and farms are more diversified, said Michael Forgash, an official of the Crop Insurance Corporation.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCR	CAPE
ABBV LFE	338.0		
ADT LTD	146.0		
ALD LTMS	423.0		
AMSTRAD	232.0		
ARCTLL GP	189.0		
ASDA GP	158.0		
BAA	282.0		
BTR	289.0		
BAT INDS	429.0		
BARCLATS	417.0		
BASS	785.0		
BEAZER	181.0		
BEECHAMS	495.0		
BERISFORD	372.0		
BICC PLC	370.0		
BLUE ARN	99.0		
BLUE CIRC	467.0		
BOC GP	423.0		
BOOTS CO	232.0		
BPB INDS	294.0		
BR COMH	238.0		
BR AIRWAY	160.0		
BR AEROSP	505.0		
BR GAS RG	182.0		
BR LAND	353.0		
B.P.	255.0		
B.P. NEW	57.0		
BURNAL RT	548.0		
BURTON	233.0		
CABLE&WIR	380.0		
CADBURYS	386.0		
COATS VVY	238.0		
COMN INT	383.0		
CONS GOLD	032.0		
COOKSONS	260.0		
COURTAULD	337.0		
DALGETY	349.0		
DEE CP	178.0		
DIXONS	186.0		
ENG CHINA	461.0		
ENTER OIL	492.0		
FTI BAKK	133.0		
FERRANTI	95.0		
GEN ACCID	932.0		
GEN ELEC	165.0		
GLAXO	982.0		
GLAMADA	312.0		
GLOBE	146.0		
GLTINED	313.0		
GRAND MET	521.0		
GUARD RFL	199.0		
GUN	341.0		
GUTHNESS	332.0		
HARRISON A	650.0		
HANSON	143.0		
HARRISON C	648.0		
HICKER SID	536.0		
HILLSDOWN	284.0		
ICI	050.0		
IMI	209.0		

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

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1ST CHARL	12/4	13/0
2ND ALLCE	752/0	752/0
600 GROUP	115/0	115/0
A.B. PORTS	529/0	530/0
A.B. ELECT	449/0	450/0
AAB KENT	92/0	91/0
AAR HLO	280/0	280/0
AARONSON	119/0	120/0
ACRE OIL	220/0	220/0
ADDITION	40/0	39/0
ADVEST	364/0	365/0
ALEX URUK	170/0	168/0
ALEXON	384/0	384/0
ALLD COLL	130/0	131/0
ALLD IR B	256/0	258/0
ALLD LND	129/0	130/0
ALLD PLMT	60/0	61/0
ALLIANCE	850/0	853/0
AMARI	273/0	273/0
AMEC	385/0	385/0
AMER TRST	127/0	128/0
AMERSHAM	638/0	639/0
AMH HLTHC	179/0	181/0
ANGLOIA TV	179/0	181/0
ANGLO O'S	215/0	216/0
ANSHOR	89/0	90/0
APPLYARD	489/0	490/0
APRICOT	126/0	126/0
APY PLC	79/0	78/0
ARAB ENGY	76/0	76/0
ARCHER AJ	145/0	145/0
ARLINGTON	183/0	183/0
ARMSTRONG	142/0	142/0
ASS NEWS	538/0	538/0
ASTRA HLD	33/2	34/0
ATLANTIC CN	494/0	493/0
ATWOODS	290/0	290/0
AUS REE A	277/0	277/0
AUTO SECS	378/0	377/0
AVON RUBB	741/0	740/0
B. HEWILL	190/0	191/0
BAILL SHI	84/4	85/0
BAIRD W	266/0	267/0
BANK IRE	248/0	248/0
BANKER IT	73/4	75/0
BARKER DO	135/0	135/0
BARRT DEV	182/0	181/0
BATHNES C	31/0	31/0
BBR GROUP	185/0	186/0
BEA B.WT	5/0	5/0
BEAR BRND	10/2	10/4
BEHAVEN	64/0	64/0
BELLWAY	246/0	246/0
BENROSE	219/0	220/0
BENLOX ID	53/0	53/0
BENTALLS	192/0	193/0
BIAN NINT	194/0	193/0
BIRMD OIL	415/0	416/0
BF OF SCO	390/0	389/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1514.7	1512.8	1508.5	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	1070.3	1070.3	1067.2	957.6
FT ALL SHR	978.32	978.32	975.20	870.22
FT GOV SEC	88.35	88.35	88.37	88.49
FT GOLD NM	200.0	200.0	199.1	207.2
FT MINES F	530.77	530.77	529.29	517.46
FT OIL	1852.8	1852.8	1843.4	1636.0
FT WLD DLR	128.23	128.23	129.53	126.05
FT WLD STG	112.29	111.78	112.31	90.79
FT WLD LOC	117.94	118.14	118.58	99.08

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS MIXED AFTER BASE RATES LIFTED
LONDON, AUG 8, REUTER - SHARES WERE MIXED IN LATE BUSINESS, FALLING BACK FROM THEIR HIGH SHORTLY AFTER MIDDAY WHEN THE BANK OF ENGLAND SIGNALLED A HIGH TO SEE BASE LENDING RATES RISE BY 1/2 A PERCENTAGE POINT TO 11 PCT. DEALERS SAID.
THE MAIN BANKS SWIFTLY FOLLOWED AND RAISED THEIR BASE RATES TO 11 PCT FROM 10 1/2 PCT.
ANALYSTS SAID THE MARKET'S REACTION TO THE UNEXPECTED RATE NIKKE WAS FAIRLY MILD BECAUSE FEW SEE RATES GOING SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER FROM THE CURRENT LEVEL. "ALL THE FUNDAMENTALS OF STRONG U.K. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND DIVIDEND GROWTH, ALONG WITH BIG TALK ARE LIKELY TO KEEP SHARES FIRM," ONE DEALER SAID.
BY 1440 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS UP 0.1 POINTS TO 1,514.7. THE INDEX TOUCHED A HIGH ON THE DAY OF 1,885.2 AND SOME ANALYSTS PREDICT THE FTSE 100 CAN RISE AS HIGH AS 1,950 WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO BECAUSE OF BULLISH FUNDAMENTALS.
"TODAY'S RATE RISE MIGHT TAKE THE SHINE OFF THE NEXT FEW DAYS BUT BASICALLY WE THINK THE NEAR TERM FTSE TREND IS UPWARDS," ONE ANALYST COMMENTED.
SOME ANALYSTS THOUGHT TODAY'S RATE RISE MIGHT BE LINKED TO NEXT WEEK'S U.K. ECONOMIC DATA WHICH INCLUDES MONEY SUPPLY AND BANK LENDING NEWS FOR JULY. "THE BANK COULD BE WORKING TO TAKE THE STING OUT OF THE MONEY FIGURES," ONE DEALER COMMENTED.

London Gold

LONDON, AUG 8, REUTER - GOLD BULLION FINISHED LARGELY STEADY AFTER SPENDING THE DAY EDGING SLUGGISHLY UPWARDS TO RECOVER OPENING LOSSES IN A RATHER FEATURELESS DAY, DEALERS SAID.
GOLD SPENT MOST OF THE DAY "DOLLAR WATCHING" AND THE UNEXPECTED INCREASE OF ONE HALF POINT TO 11 PCT IN U.K. BASE RATES STRENGTHENED STERLING AGAINST THE DOLLAR HELPING GOLD TENATIVELY FIRM, BUT TRADE REMAINED LACKLUSTRE IN ONE OF THE QUIETEST TRADING DAYS OF THE YEAR, DEALERS ADDED.
THE MARKET CLOSED AT 432.52/432.75 OLS AN OUNCE, UP FRACTIONALLY FROM THE AFTERNOON FIX OF 432.00, BUT LARGELY STEADY FROM FRIDAY'S CLOSING LEVEL 432.30/432.80.

London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 8, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES MOVED UP TO REFLECT A SURPRISE HALF POINT RISE IN U.K. BASE RATES TO 11 PCT BUT DEALERS SAID THERE WAS LITTLE FURTHER UPWARD PRESSURE.
ONE DEALER SAID, "THE FEELING IS THAT THE TREASURY AND THE BANK (OF ENGLAND) WILL NOW WAIT AND SEE WHAT EFFECT THE RISE IN RATES OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS WILL HAVE ON THE ECONOMY BEFORE MOVING BASE RATES AGAIN."
THE BANK SIGNALLED THE LATEST RISE IN BASE RATES AT MIDDAY BY ANNOUNCING IT WOULD LEAD TO THE DISCOUNT MARKET AT 11 PCT. THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE STOOD AT 11 1/8 PCT IN LATE TRADING COMPARED WITH FRIDAY'S CLOSE OF 10 7/8 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR
DLR	1.6885/95	1.9030/40	6.4150/80
STG	1.8970/9050	3.2095/2130	10.8175/8310
DMK	6.4055/4175	10.8755/8935	29.580/740
SFR	1.5880/5890	2.6925	336.87/7.510
NFL	2.1465	3.6410	83.56/65
ECU	1.0952	0.64722	12.93
SDR	1.2943	0.75942	7.03415
YEN	133.90/134	226.82/7.20	8.23255
SDR RATES	05/08/1988	OTHERS	08/08/1988

BLACK LE 2	16/6	16/4
BINNEY +F	37/0	37/0
BOASE MAS	253/0	252/0
BOODINGTIN	170/0	171/0
BOOT SHOP	628/0	620/0
BOOKER	397/0	398/0
BOOT, HENR	388/0	388/0
BORTHWICK	67/0	67/0
BOUWATER	415/0	416/0
BR DREDGI	149/0	148/0
BR VITA	238/0	238/0
BREIT CHE	251/0	251/0
BREIT WCR	162/0	163/0
BREIT WCR	427/0	426/0
BRITANNIC	359/0	359/0
BRIXTON E	333/0	334/0
BROWNER	112/0	112/0
BULMER HP	169/0	168/0
CALOR GRP	409/0	410/0
CAMB ELEC	257/0	258/0
CAMP INST	56/0	56/0
CAMPFORD E	180/0	181/0
CANNING W	232/0	232/0
CANNON ST	325/0	326/0
CAP GRP	303/0	303/0
CAP. RADIO	298/0	298/0
CARLOS EN	162/0	163/0
CARLESS C	116/0	117/0
CARLTON C	760/0	765/0
CASE GRP	127.0	127.0
CATER ALL	353/0	355/0
CAULDON	12/4	12/0
CHAM PHPP	147/0	147/0
CHARTERNA	25/4	25/4
CHAS CHUR	113/0	113/0
CHLORIDE	57/4	59/0
CHRISTIES	559/0	560/0
CI GROUP	48/0	49/0
CLDIE PET	127/0	127/0
CLINT. SEC	181/0	181/0
CLINTY OIL	176/0	176/0
COATES R	326/0	325/0
COLLINS A	498/0	498/0
COLLINS W	583/0	583/0
COLOROLL	194/0	194/0
CONNELLS	310/0	313/0
COSTAIN	319/0	318/0
COURTS FR	398/0	400/0
COMIE (C)	132/0	132/0
CRESY NIC	217/0	216/0
CROA INT	135/0	135/0
CRODA INT	206/0	206/0
CRISTALAT	160/0	160/0
DARBE EST	36/4	37/0
DAMSON H	232/4	233/0
DE LA RUE	462/0	462/0
DELTA GRP	311/0	313/0
DEVENISH	339/0	338/0
DIPLOMA	237/0	239/0
DITMAY SEC	216/0	216/0
DRAYTON C	452/0	460/0
DRG	473/0	473/0
DUNDEE LD	293/0	293/0
DUNHILL	209/0	208/0
EAGLE TST	15/4	15/2
EDIN I.T.	154/0	155/0
ELECTRA	206/0	209/0
ELECTROCOM	216/0	217/0
ELLIS EVA	195/0	196/0
ELLIS GOL	145/0	145/0
ENAP	217/0	218/0
EMPIRE ST	261/0	261/0
ERA GROUP	91/0	91/0
ETAM	250/0	250/0
EURO W RG	22/6	23/4
EURO.HOME	326/0	323/0
EUROTHORN	385/0	385/0
EUROTECH	330/0	329/0
EVEHED HL	117/0	118/0
EVODR GRP	184/0	185/0
EXPANET	206/0	205/0
F&C EURO	215/0	216/0
F&C PACIF	137/0	138/0
F&C SMLLR	72/0	72/0
F&C SMLLR	175/0	175/0
F&C SMLLR	295/0	295/0
F&C SMLLR	166/0	167/0
F&C SMLLR	273/0	273/0
F&C SMLLR	285/0	285/0
F&C SMLLR	122/0	122/0
F&C SMLLR	252/0	253/0
F&C SMLLR	184/0	185/0
F&C SMLLR	208/0	208/0
F&C SMLLR	181/0	183/0
F&C SMLLR	158/0	159/0
F&C SMLLR	185/0	185/0
F&C SMLLR	144/0	145/0
F&C SMLLR	275/0	275/0
F&C SMLLR	242/0	242/0
F&C SMLLR	160/0	160/0
F&C SMLLR	142/0	141/0
F&C SMLLR	237/0	237/0
F&C SMLLR	392/0	393/0
F&C SMLLR	107/4	108/0
F&C SMLLR	57/0	58/0
F&C SMLLR	275/0	275/0
F&C SMLLR	143/0	143/0
F&C SMLLR	232/0	230/0
F&C SMLLR	121/0	121/0
F&C SMLLR	55/0	55/0
F&C SMLLR	283/0	283/0
F&C SMLLR	474/0	472/0
F&C SMLLR	243/0	242/0
F&C SMLLR	436/0	436/0
F&C SMLLR	47/0	48/0
F&C SMLLR	366/0	367/0
F&C SMLLR	665/0	700/0
F&C SMLLR	292/0	292/0
F&C SMLLR	242/0	243/0
F&C SMLLR	120/0	120/0
F&C SMLLR	154/0	155/0
F&C SMLLR	183/0	183/0
F&C SMLLR	220/0	222/0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	325.0	322.6	320.2	306.2
AUSTRIA	220.0	220.1	220.7	208.9
BELGIUM	383.0	381.5	381.2	368.2
CANADA	363.1	363.5	364.5	375.1
DENMARK	438.5	438.6	444.6	436.4
FRANCE	370.2	371.0	371.1	370.5
GERMANY	185.7	184.1	185.1	176.9
HONG KONG	1962.9	1961.9	1980.1	1945.9
FINLAND	126.4	126.2	125.2	125.8
ITALY	422.1	422.7	426.9	402.3
JAPAN	1314.2	1317.1	1325.2	1269.3
NETHERLANDS	272.0	271.5	270.2	253.4
NEW ZEAL	100.5	101.0	100.7	96.1
NORWAY	504.1	503.7	507.7	498.9
SPAIN	665.3	662.9	664.9	633.7
SWEDEN	266.1	265.1	265.1	268.6
SWITZ.	163.8	161.8	160.0	157.4
U.K.	566.6	565.0	563.2	556.5
U.S.A.	249.5	250.3	251.4	251.9
WORLD	452.6	454.5	456.3	446.8
E.A.F.E.	850.7	854.8	858.1	829.3

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ATLANTIC R	82/0	82/0	GATX CORP	
AAR CORP	25/4	25/3	GCA CP	
ABBOTT LAB	46/3	46/3	GEARHART	
ACME CLVLD	10/5	10/6	GEN DATA	
ADVO MICRO	13/0	13/0	GEN DYNICS	
AEROFEL LAB	8/2	8/3	GEN ELECT	
AETNA LIFE	47/4	47/5	GEN HOST	
AMMANSON	16/1	16/0	GEN HOUSHR	
AIR PR-CHM	45/4	45/2	GEN INSTR	
ALASKA AIR	17/7	17/7	GEN MILLS	
ALBERTSONS	31/7	31/7	GEN MOTORS	
ALBMA 8-16	0	82/0	GEN SIGNAL	
ALCAN ALUM	30/2	30/2	GENICORP	
ALCO STAND	26/0	26/0	GENETECH	
AN CYRANOX	50/0	50/0	GENLINE PA	
AN ELET PV	27/4	27/3	GEORG P&T-8	
AN HON PRO	76/3	77/3	GEORG-PAC	
AN HON PRO	79/5	79/7	GIBR FI CL	
AN STANDARD	0	77/7	GLOBAL MAR	
AM STORES	49/7	49/7	GOLDEN NUG	
AM TEL-TEL	26/3	26/4	GOODRICH	
AMCO CORP	76/4	76/4	GOODYEAR	
AMP INC	44/5	44/3	GOLD INC	
AMPCO PITT	13/4	13/2	GRACE WR	
AMR CORP	45/7	45/7	GRAINGER	
AMR GEN CO	32/4	32/2	GREYHOUND	
AMERADA HE	27/3	27/3	GRUMMAN	
AMTHERN ELE	12/5	12/5	GULF RES-C	
AMPLINE CP	8/0	7/7	GULF WESTN	
APACHE PET	3/2	3/0	HALLIBURT	
ARMSTRONG	37/2	37/4	HALLIWOOD	
ASHLAND OIL	37/0	36/7	HAMMA MIN	
ASIA PACIFIC	6/6	6/6	HARRIS CP	
ATLS CORP	35/2	35/4	MARTWARK	
AVERT INC	22/7	23/1	HEINE HJ	
AVIET INC	22/1	22/1	HEL CURTIS	
AVON PRODS	24/7	25/1	HELM-PAYNE	
BCE INC	30/4	30/4	HERCULES	
BELLSOUTH	41/6	41/5	HEUL-PACK	
BELO CP A	27/7	27/7	KEXCEL CP	
BETH STEEL	24/4	24/4	HILLENBRND	
BEVERLT	6/3	6/3	HILLENBRND	
BK BOSTON	29/6	29/6	HLTH HTLS	
BK BOSTN-1	0	46/5	HITACHI	
BK N-YORK	35/7	35/5	HUNSTEK HIN	
BK N-YORK	38/5	38/5	HUNT-HARMN	
BK BAKERITA	14/5	14/5	HOLIDAT C	
BK CAN SPEC	6/4	7/1	HONE DEPOT	
BOEING CO	61/6	62/2	HOME FED S	
BOISE CASC	44/3	44/3	HOMDA NOTR	
BOND IN GLD	10/7	10/7	HONEYWELL	
BORDEN	52/7	53/0	HOUGHTN NI	
BOUATER	29/6	30/0	HOUSTON IH	
BR TELECOM	41/4	41/4	HUGHES SUP	
BRIELESS-STR	31/6	31/2	MURANA INC	
BRIST-MYER	42/2	42/2	ICI	
BRUNSWICK	21/3	21/3	ICI INDUST	
BURDENT CP	10/4	10/4	ICI PHARMA	
C 3 INC	12/5	12/5	ILL PUR CO	
CABOT CORP	36/2	36/4	IMCO LTD	
CASARS MO	27/0	27/0	INGERSALL-RA	
CA FREIGHT	20/7	20/6	JEFF PILOT	
CAN NAT GS	14/4	14/5	JER PU 8-5	
CAN PAC CO	10/0	26/1	JOHNSON CON	
CATERPI TR	63/1	63/0	JOHNSON-JNS	
CBT IND	30/7	30/6	K MART CP	
CBT	163/0	163/0	KAISER ALH	
CENL	44/0	44/0	KAN CI P-L	
CHAMP INTL	34/4	34/5	KAN CI P-L	
CHAMP SPA	12/4	12/5	KELLOGG	
CHARTER CO	3/7	4/0	KERR MCGEE	
CHASE MAN	30/1	30/1	KEYSTONE	
CHENED CP	32/3	32/4	KIMB-CLARK	
CHEMIC BNK	33/4	33/5	KLM R D M	
CHEVRON	47/2	47/0	KN RIO WJIS	
CHRYSLER	23/5	23/3	KROGER CP	
CHUBB CORP	55/6	55/7	LEA RONAL	
CINR FR CH	6/4	6/4	LENAAR	
CIN T-ROY	45/0	45/4	LENAAR	
CIN MILACR	24/0	24/0	LINCOLN NA	
CIN CIT ST	37/4	37/3	LITTON IND	
CIRCLE K	15/6	15/6	LOCKHEED	
CITICORP	24/6	24/6	LOTTITE CP	
CLARK EQUI	34/3	34/3	LOUIS CORP	
CLOROX	29/5	29/6	LON-METTLE	
CMPBLL RES	1/2	1/2	LONE STAR	
CMPBLL SP	27/2	27/1	LONES	
CAN PAC	18/3	18/4	LTD INC	
CANACOM	0	11/5	LTV CORP	
COASTAL	33/0	33/0	LTV 1-25	
COCA-COLA	38/2	38/3	LTV 3-06R	
COLECO	2/0	1/7	LTV 5-25	
COLEMAN CO	38/5	38/4	LUBRIZOL	
COLG-PALM	43/1	43/5	LUBYS CAFE	
COLMAN GAS	33/3	33/3	MALAYSIA S	
COMBUST-C	29/5	11/4	N HORT ASS	
CON EDISON	29/5	29/5	N MARIETTA	
CONAGRA	31/4	31/6	NA CON INC	
CON EDISON	44/5	44/5	NACHTLAN	
CONTINENTA	40/5	40/5	NAMOR CARE	
CONTL ILLN	*03	*03	NAMU NAMU	
CONTEL CP	35/4	35/3	NARRIOTT	
CONTR DATA	23/2	23/5	NASCO CORP	
COOPER T-R	39/0	39/0	NATSU ELEC	
COOPER CON	10/2	10/1	NATTEL INC	
CORNING GL	59/7	59/7	NCA INCORP	
CRANE	31/4	31/3	MC DONALDS	
CRAT RES	0	81/0	MCDONNELL	
CULINITE	6/5	6/5	NGCRAM-NIL	
DAMU IND	8/6	8/6	NEARCK	
DATA GEN	18/7	18/7		
DATAPOINT	5/0	4/7		
DAYTON HUI	35/1	35/1		
DEC	102/6	103/3		
DEERE-CD	44/6	44/6		
DELTA AIR	49/4	49/6		
DIAMOND SH	15/6	15/6		
DIERBOLD	37/6	37/6		
DISNEY W	63/0	63/1		
DOVER CORP	65/2	65/3		
DON CHENIC	87/4	87/4		
DON JONES	35/7	35/7		
DRESSER IN	30/2	30/3		
DREYFUS	26/4	26/7		
DRIKE POWER	46/5	46/5		
DUN BRAD	49/3	49/6		
DUPONT	86/4	86/4		
DUQUESNE	15/3	15/4		
DYNAMICS	23/2	23/2		
E SYSTEMS	29/4	29/5		
EAGLE PICH	30/5	30/7		
EASTERN G	24/3	24/3		
EMERSON EL	29/6	29/7		
EMERSON RA	3/6	3/5		
ETHYL CP	21/6	22/0		
EXION	47/2	46/7		
FAN DOL ST	14/1	14/2		
FED NAT FD	49/0	48/6		
FIDELICREST	23/2	23/2		
FIM COR-AM	13	14		
FLEETWOOD	23/0	23/1		
FMC CORP	37/0	37/2		
FORD MOTOR	53/4	53/6		
FORD HOUAR	53/0	53/1		
FOXBORO CO	30/5	30/6		
FRCHLD IND	10/5	10/5		

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International Bond Highlights

LONDON - General Electric Capital Corp. a unit of General Electric Co. is issuing a 175 mln Canadian dir Eurobond due Oct 1, 1993, paying 10-1/4 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Chase Investment Bank Ltd said. (RTVY 0907)

LONDON - Ford Motor Credit Company, a unit of Ford Motor Co., is issuing a 100 mln Canadian dir Eurobond due Aug 31, 1990, paying 10-1/8 pct and priced at 101 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Ltd said. (RTZL 1454)

LONDON - Kreditbank International Finance NV is issuing a 75 mln Canadian dir Eurobond due Sept 13, 1991, paying 10-1/4 pct and priced at 101-1/8 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Ltd said. (RTZK 1453)

Paris - Kawasaki Steel International Finance PLC, a unit of Kawasaki Steel Corp., is issuing a 50 mln dir, 9-3/4 pct Eurobond due Sept 9, 1993 at 101-1/2 pct lead manager Credit Lyonnais said. (RTWY 1041)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 11 10-3/4	10-7/8 13/16	11-1/8 11
FFY 4.95/5.00	5.00/10	5.20/30
PAR 6-15/16 7-1/16	7-1/16 3/16	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/8 3-3/8	3-5/8 3-7/8
BUR 4.10	6-3/4 3/4	7-00 1/8
ROM 10 10-1/2	10-7/8 11-3/8	11 11-1/2
AMS 5-1/4 5-3/8	5-3/16 5-5/16	5-5/16 5-7/16
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Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank (transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-1/4	6-9/16
3 months	6-3/16	6-9/16
6 months	6-3/16	6-1/2
1 year	6-1/4	6-5/8

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	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	57.50	57	57.50	NICO	590	590	585
				GNFC	47.50	47.50	47	MUKAND	83	83.50	84
ACC	250	252.50	248	GRASIM	108	107.50	107	NOCIL	495	510	500
ASIA PAINT	157.50	165	160	GSFC	138	139	137	ORKAY	26	26.50	26
BAJAJ AUTO	261.25	262.50	265	HIND LEVER	69.50	69	69.25	PEICO	31	30	31
BAL. RAYON	235	240	230	HINDALCO	93	93.50	92	PFIZER	59.50	60	61
BAL. OYING	115.50	122	115.50	HINDCOCA	81.25	88.75	85	PRE-AUTO	33	34.50	32.75
BR. BOND	86	87	86.50	HINDOTRAC	26.75	26.50	25.87	RAYMOND	49.50	48.50	50
BSE INDEX	600.63	600.98	600.98	IND ORG	24	25	24	RELIANCE	202.50	202.50	200.50
CENTURYSPG	892.50	890	892.50	INDRAYON	68	68	67	SIEMENS	69.50	68	70
COLGATE	220	222.50	222.50	INDROL	165	162.50	167	SPIC	50.75	51	50.25
DEEPAKFERT	39.75	40.50	39.75	ITC	44	43	44	STONMILLS	242.50	245	250
ET. HOTEL	49	48	49.75	JKSYNTH	66.50	68	67.25	TATA PUR	252.50	250	252.50
ESKAYE	120	121.25	121.25	L AND T	119	119	113.50	TATACHEN	75	75.50	74.75
ESSAR	18.75	18.25	18.75	MAHINDRA	59	59.25	57	TELCO	690	705	700
GAR. POLY	79.25	78	79	MASTERSHR	10.40	10.25	10.50	TISCO	821.25	825	817.50
GE. SHIP	28.75	28.87	28.50	MATHER PL	50	49.50	48.50	VOLTA	317.50	315	322.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	202.3	202.3
ALLIANZ VR	1567.0	1565.2
BADENWERK	182.0	182.1
BASF	265.5	264.0
BAYER	300.7	300.0
BAYER HYP	334.0	334.0
BAYER VER	335.5	334.0
BRG	306.2	307.0
SHF	425.0	422.0
BMW	497.0	499.5
COMMERZBANK	230.0	231.5
CONTI GUMM	262.3	261.5
DAIMLER BENZ	674.0	675.0
DEUTSCHE BNL	483.0	486.0
DLW	368.0	365.0
EDSHEIDER B	257.2	258.0
OT BARCOCK	185.0	184.0
FAZ INDEX	499.25	499.16
FEINMECHANIK	277.5	279.9
GOLDSCHEIDT	298.8	296.1
HARDHEIMER	430.0	428.5
HOECHST AG	284.5	283.5
HOESCH	151.2	148.7
NORTH	201.0	200.0
RUSSEL HLO	425.0	418.5
KALI SALZ	168.5	165.0
KARSTADT	416.0	418.0
KAUFHOF	356.0	353.5
KLOECK H	138.3	134.5
KLOECK W	0	101.00
LIHDE	696.0	691.0
LUFTHANSA	143.0	142.8
MAN	207.5	206.5
MANNESMAN	176.0	172.5
MERCEDES	534.0	534.2
METALLGESS	313.0	315.0
NORDRUF PF	454.0	458.8
NORDRUF HYD	61.00	60.60
PHILIP KOP	595.0	595.0
POSCHE	566.0	568.0
PREUSSAG	186.5	187.2
PWA	219.0	217.5
RHEINMETAL	298.0	295.0
RWE	231.0	231.5
RWE P	216.5	216.5
SALAMANDER	260.0	261.0
SCHERING	520.0	525.0
SEL	295.5	295.0
SIEMENS	444.0	441.0
THYSEN	153.0	152.5
VARTA	290.0	287.0
VEBA	260.0	260.4
VEN	0	159.4
VOLKSWAGEN	251.0	247.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
H TUNNEL	15.30	15.50
HEUNG K	7.60	7.65
CHINA L-P	16.40	16.50
CHINA L-P	17.10	17.20
HITA MOTOR	22.60	22.90
OSMO PROP	4.00	4.00
VERGO IND	.51	.52
AR EAST C	.82	.82
EN ORIENT	0	41.00
C DEVELOP	9.65	9.66
S INDEX	659.10	671.17
ANG LUNG	5.20	5.15
ANG SENG	30.75	30.50
AM PAR BR	0	21.00
K ELEC CO	7.30	7.30
K OULCOON	8.25	8.30
C LAND CO	8.45	8.45
C SHAN BK	6.20	6.20
C SHAN HT	5.00	4.98
C TELE CO	5.70	6.00
JD CHUAN	9.20	9.25
JO PAC	12.60	12.80
URDINE H	13.40	13.50
MALCOM H	9.50	9.45
WU WORLD	11.40	11.50
WU Y CON	2.68	2.75
ALTY DEV	7.25	7.10
H K CO	2.23	2.28
H K PROP	10.80	10.90
ME OARBY	2.03	2.08
ELUX MFG	2.85	2.90
IRE PAC	18.80	18.70
V B CO	13.00	13.20
I CHEUNG	3.83	3.80
ION BANK	1.65	1.64
OCK HARD	0	7.25
OCK MARI	0	1.15
RLO INTL	3.95	3.90

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.20 1.17
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.56 1.56
ARAB BANK	108.0 107.5
ARAB CHEMICAL OTR	3.96 3.95
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.37 1.36
ARAB INSURANCE	0.99 0.94
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98 0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94 0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53 0.58
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	2.10 2.10
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.31 0.30
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.91 1.91
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76 0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65 1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	14.86 14.70
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00 0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00 28.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05 1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.41 0.41
DAR ALDAMA OV/INV.	1.53 1.51
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.51 0.50
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.52 0.52
GARAGE OWNERS OFT	3.65 3.55
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39 2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.26 1.26
GENERAL MINING.	1.31 1.33
GEMIN MINERALS	0.75 0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.25 1.26
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.62 0.60
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BKK	1.50 1.50
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	1.23 1.25
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75 0.75
INTERN.COM/INV	0.19 0.19
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.85 0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64 0.64
INTERMED/PETRI/CH	1.21 1.20
J. TOUR-SR COMPLEX	0.79 0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26 1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.50 14.50
JOR CERAMIC FACT	1.22 1.23
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01 25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.59 1.59
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.93 0.92
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.95 0.95
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50 2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.45 1.46
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20 1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.60 0.66
JOR LTH BRICK	0.20 0.19
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50 0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.47 2.47
JOR PAPER CARBODG	3.10 3.10
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.53 2.55
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.25 1.24
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00 2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00 4.05
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.58 0.57
JOR SECURIT CORP	0.76 0.75
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.49 2.43
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.10 1.09
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.58 4.60
JOR. KIMAT AGR	1.00 1.00
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	7.37 7.37
JOR. FRENCH INS.	4.59 4.60
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	2.01 2.00
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.28 0.27
JORDAN DAIRY	0.98 0.98
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.25 1.25
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85 13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	1.71 1.71
JORDAN KIMAT BANK	1.44 1.43
JORDAN TANNING	2.01 2.00
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.72 0.71
NACH/EGU/RENT/MAIN	0.77 0.77
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69 0.73
HIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60 0.60
HIDDEL EAST INS	60.00 60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60 0.55
NAT. FIN. INVEST COR	1.80 1.80
NAT. CEMENT/PIPE/INF	0.98 0.98
UNITED INSURANCE	0.23 0.23
NATIONAL AULIA INS	0.96 0.97
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.68 0.67
NATIONAL STEEL	2.64 2.65
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28
PETRA BANK	1.97 1.97
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35 0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.81 0.82
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.75 0.75
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.46 0.44
SHIPPING LINES	0.88 0.88
SPINNING MEYING	0.73 0.73
THE HOUSING BANK	1.85 1.85
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.51 1.47
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.00 0.90
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.71 0.70
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.08 1.05

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	72.00	74.00	73.00
AC-A	9.30	9.40	9.40	LC-A	.48	.49	.49
AMS	2.75	2.80	2.80	LC-B	.50	.51	.51
FER-A	2.90	2.95	2.95	PK-A	.36	.37	.37
GLD	33.50	34.00	33.50	PK-B	.37	.38	.37
PLDT	232.00	233.00	232.00	OIL SECTOR	---	---	---
KPSI-A	2.24	2.26	2.24	BP-A	.019	.02	.02
SMC-A	147.00	148.00	148.00	BP-B	.019	.02	.021
SMC-B	235.00	238.00	235.00	LRC-A	.0034	.0038	.0036
NINING SECTOR	---	---	---	LRC-B	.0034	.0036	.0036
APX-A	.038	.04	.039	OPN-A	.035	.036	.036
APX-B	.039	.041	.04	OPN-B	.036	.037	.037
AT-A	19.75	20.00	19.75	OV-A	.033	.034	.035
AT-B	19.75	20.00	19.75	OV-B	.033	.034	.035

Makati Stock Market Report

SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	1,425,490	54,407,765	912.90	4.37 ON
NINING	27,929,000	3,543,850	4,768.95	88.46 ON
OIL	243,650,000	4,223,950	5.852	0.311 ON
TOTAL	275,004,490	62,575,565	818.41	19.19 ON

PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	72.00	73.00	72.50
SMC-A	147.00	148.00	148.00	LC-A	.48	.49	.49
SMC-B	235.00	240.00	235.00	LC-B	.49	.50	.50
SO-TIRE	35.50	36.00	35.50	LC-C	.51	.52	.51
PLDT	232.00	233.00	232.00	ZIP	.01	.012	.011
ANSORC-A	2.80	2.85	2.75	OIL SECTOR	---	---	---
AC-A	9.30	9.40	9.40	STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN	---
GLO	33.50	34.50	34.00	BP-A	.019	.02	.021
FER-A	2.80	2.85	2.85	BP-B	.019	.02	.021
FER-B	3.05	3.10	2.95	LRC-A	.0036	.0038	.0038
NINING SECTOR	---	---	---	LRC-B	.0036	.0038	.0038
STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPN-A	.035	.036	.036	---
APX-A	.038	.039	.039	OPN-B	.036	.037	.037
APX-B	.039	.04	.04	OV-A	.033	.034	.035
AT-A	19.75	20.00	20.00	OV-B	.033	.034	.035
AT-B	21.50	22.75	---	TA	.022	.023	.023

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION			AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE		
C/I	1,492,280	14,676,310	915.18	D 5.76
NINING	27,319,700	3,662,400	4,718.82	D 6.60
OILS	381,400,000	5,730,500	6.195	W .283
TOTAL	404,211,980	26,069,210	831.69	N 14.68

BUSINESS

Despite intervention by central banks

Dollar at best since early '87

LONDON, Aug 8, (Reuters): The dollar rose to its best London close against the Deutschmark since January 1987 today despite intervention against it by the US and West German central banks.

Dealers attributed its summer rebound from recent historic lows to a prospect that already-high US interest rates may rise further to damp down inflation in a booming economy.

Dollar assets thus promise generous returns. But if much more money flows to the dollar and it goes much higher, it could worry governments. Higher import costs may cause inflation outside America while rising prices on US goods could make it harder for the US to correct its huge trade deficit.

Operators
"At the moment, operators are so bullish they are interpreting every piece of news as an excuse to push up the dollar," said Philippe d'Arvisenet, first vice-president of Banque Nationale de Paris.

Although the US Federal Reserve Board and the West German Bundesbank sold dollars, America's currency closed in London about 1.9 marks for the first time since January 9, 1987.

It ended at 1.9030 marks after 1.8885 on Friday. It was 22 per cent above an all-time low of 1.5615 touched this January 4 in the shadow of the "Black Monday" financial crash.

Some saw the dollar rising to

two Deutschmarks after it had celebrated the magic date of 8.8.88 by holding above the psychologically-important barrier of 1.9.

The mark's weakness has been accelerated by a capital outflow from West Germany. A Bundesbank report showed a record outflow last month of 50 billion marks (\$26 billion), partly because of a new withholding tax on German bonds.

But the dollar is also firm against Japan's yen, ending at 133.82. It has gained 11 per cent on the yen since an all-time low in January of 120.20.

Figures on Friday which showed brisk gains in the number of Americans finding jobs — 630,000 in June and July — were taken in the market as new evidence of robust US economic expansion.

Speculators bought more dollars on a hunch US interest rates may rise further to meet an implied threat of inflation.

Limits
The Central Bank intervention reflects official fears about the damage a fluctuating dollar can do to trade and economic activity. The Group of Seven industrial nations pledged at their Toronto summit in June to try to stabilise exchange rates.

But economists say there are limits on how far central banks can change the direction of a computerised, 24-hour global currency market which often

trades \$200 billion a day. Several also said they thought the Reagan administration would be content to see the dollar ride high to help Vice-President George Bush in his campaign for the presidency.

Gold closed steady at \$432.50 an ounce in London. Oil prices firmed on prospects that a ceasefire in the war between OPEC founder members Iraq and Iran may help unite the organisation in its efforts to curb excess production. Typical North Sea oil was up 35 cents at around \$15.30 a barrel.

Most stock markets began the week in rather subdued mood. The Dow Jones Industrial average on Wall Street was up just 2.31 at midday in New York. Earlier, Tokyo's Nikkei index fell 109.06 points in dull trading.

Rise
In London, shares were mixed in late business, falling back from their highs shortly after midday when the Bank of England signalled a wish to see base lending rates rise by 1/2 a percentage point to 11 pct, dealers said.

The main banks swiftly followed and raised their base rates to 11 pct from 10-1/2 pct. Analysts said the market's reaction to the unexpected rate hike was fairly muted because few saw rates going significantly higher from the current level.

"All the fundamentals of strong UN corporate performance and dividend growth, along with bid

talk are likely to keep shares firm," one dealer said. By 1440 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 0.1 points to 1,876. The index touched a high on the day of 1,885.2 and some analysts predict the FTSE 100 can rise as high as 1,950 within the next month or so because of bullish fundamentals.

"Today's rate rise might take the shine off the next few days but basically we think the near term FTSE trend is upwards," one analyst commented. Some analysts thought today's rate rise might be linked to next week's UK economic data which includes money supply and bank lending news for July. "The bank could be working to take the sting out of the money figures," one dealer commented.

Many anticipate July bank and building society lending figures will be heavily inflated by a rush of mortgage borrowing to try and beat the deadline on tax qualifications for unmarried couples as well as a surge in lending for August new car registrations, dealers said.

Speculation
Wednesday sees an auction of short-dated government bonds. Some analysts said UK authorities, faced with possibly discouraging lending figures next week, may have raised base rates to avoid the damaging effect such a move would have after new stock in its issue.

Pearson shares traded in a

wide range today, touching a high of 815 compared to Friday's closing 786 before settling to trade at 790 in afternoon business.

Dealers said the early gain in Pearson followed news Rupert Murdoch's News International had agreed to buy Triangle Publications of the US for \$3 billion. This led to speculation Murdoch may sell his 20 pct Pearson stake to help offset the acquisition costs.

Pearson managed to stay ahead of the wider market because of its first half results announcement this morning showing better than expected pre-tax profit of £81.7m versus \$12.1m.

Dealers said Reed International was rumoured as a potential bidder for Pearson, but few believed Reed would make such a move because of probable Monopolies Commission objections to such a merger.

Reed was unchanged at Friday's closing 454. Grand Metropolitan was among the most actively traded issues today, up 25p to 521 on turnover of 8.5 mln shares by 1506 GMT. Dealers said the shares rose after the company said it may sell its Inter-Continental Hotels division following approaches by several parties interested in the chain.

British Aerospace was near the top of the active list, rising 16p to 507 on turnover of 7.8 mln shares by late afternoon.

Developing countries trying to boost foreign currency earnings

Debt crisis weighs heavy on Third World

LONDON, Aug 8, (Reuters): It has been six years since Western banks realised they faced a Third World debt crisis and many now say they have weathered the storm fairly well.

But for the debtors, still making huge repayments and short of fresh money, the trauma seems far from over.

August, 1982, when banks agreed a rescue package to stop a Mexican default, is generally seen as the start of the crisis.

It was when the West woke up to the fact that Third World economies were simply not big enough to repay the billions of recycled OPEC petrodollars the banks had loaned them.

Deal
The Mexican deal set a pattern for many subsequent debt packages that have involved postponing repayments, new loans to help meet interest payments on existing debt and austerity measures so the debtors can afford to keep up its payments.

"Mexico is always given as an example of a successful story in the debt crisis, but real wages have fallen about 40 per cent in the process," said Stephanie Griffith-Jones, an economist at the Institute of Development

Studies at England's Sussex University.

That means that Mexicans can afford little more than half the goods they could in 1982.

They, and others across the Third World, have seen import prices soar and major new development projects dry up as their governments scrambled to scrape together foreign currency needed to repay debt.

"In Latin America, investment has fallen by 25 per cent because such large portions of national savings are going to service the debt," Griffith-Jones said.

"And a higher proportion of investment is going on export commodities instead of on infrastructure like roads and dams that Third World countries need," she said.

Debtors

As Third World development slows to a standstill, some major exporters in the industrialised world lose sales. Griffith-Jones estimates that some 200,000 Britons have lost their jobs as a consequence of this effect of the debt crisis.

Third World countries trying to boost foreign currency earnings

to repay their debt are pumping out so many farm and mineral exports that commodity prices have plummeted, economists say.

So debtors have had to keep seeking debt reschedulings, had to add unpaid interest on to their total debt burden and use what few new loans which were available to make interest payments on existing debt.

Debtor

Sometimes, it has seemed as if they could never get clear.

"There's nothing wrong with Argentina's debt problem that could not be fixed if the debt was half of what it is. How long do you go on pretending the figures are going to add up?" said a development expert in Buenos Aires.

"We must find a balance between servicing the debt and providing funds to promote domestic growth," he said. Agencies like the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank ask debtor nations to tighten their belts by cutting spending, especially on imports, and boosting exports.

Belt-tightening has proved unpopular.

Last year, mounting political opposition to austerity led Brazil, the Third World's largest debtor owing \$121 billion, to freeze payments on some \$62 billion owed to banks. It has only recently agreed to lift the freeze.

Zambia last May decided to reject an IMF reform and austerity programme.

The fund and the World Bank have since come back, offering financial help in exchange for an end to avoid subsidies, a cut in government spending and a currency devaluation.

"But we have said no. We do not want to disrupt the new programme, which is showing positive signs of economic recovery," Finance Minister Gibson Chigala told the government newspaper, the Zambia Daily Mail.

Debtors

When, on August 13, 1982, Mexico's efforts to meet a 1982 interest and debt repayment bill of \$28 billion led it to slap on currency controls, that shock move led its creditors to agree to postpone repayments dates on \$10 billion of loans within the week.

The Third World then owed a total of \$600 million. Bankers

worried that they would be bankrupted if a debtor did not repay its loans.

Now, the Third World owes \$1.2 trillion.

It takes months to get often unwilling bankers to agree to reschedule debts. They have been building up reserves to protect themselves against losses, should any Third World debtor not make its payments.

In 1987, Citicorp, the biggest American bank, set aside \$3 billion from its profits to cover such losses. Other American and British banks followed suit. European and Japanese banks have been steadily building reserves all along.

That is why they will agree to reschedule debt or to let a Third World nation add unpaid interest to its total debt.

But, said Wim Duisenberg, the president of the Bank for International Settlements, there is no sign that Third World nations are regaining access to new money for investment and development.

All in all, and despite the progress that has been made... the debt situation remains a major problem," Duisenberg said last month.

Britain lifts interest rates again

LONDON, Aug 8, (Reuters): Britain raised interest rates for the seventh time since June on Friday in renewed efforts to throttle back a consumer spending boom which is syphoning in imported goods and threatening inflation.

The Bank of England (central bank) raised its money market lending rate by half a percentage point to 11 per cent, signalling commercial banks that the authorities wanted a similar rise in their base lending rates.

Bank rates have been lifted in stages from 10-year lows of 7-1/2 per cent which prevailed early in June.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government is worried about the implications of a consumer spending boom which has been fuelled by cheap borrowing and by tax cuts made in a spring budget.

Spending

Britons have been spending much of their money on imports, to the extent that the current account balance of payments deficit was worth nearly \$10 billion in the first half of 1988.

The government had initially forecast a deficit for the whole year worth around \$7 billion.

Also, inflation is running at around 4.6 per cent compared with a government target of four per cent and some economists predict it may go higher.

But the government's dilemma is that high interest rates — while pinching off spending — may also attract international money into sterling assets to the extent that demand for the pound pushes up its value on the foreign exchanges to levels that begin to price British goods off foreign markets.

Ceasefire optimism buoys exchange market

By Lima Al Khalafawi

IRAN'S acceptance of the Iraqi ceasefire initiative has fired the exchange market here, shooting the Iraqi dinar and the Iranian rial sky-high.

Iran announced yesterday that it fully accepts the Iraqi call for a ceasefire, followed by face-to-face negotiations to end the eight-year-old conflict.

Boost

The market witnessed the same phenomenon when Iran declared its acceptance of UN Resolution 598 and the two countries' currencies nearly tripled in value.

The exchange market yesterday witnessed an increase in the currency transactions.

The Iraqi dinar rate was quoted at 350 fils. Money changers were pessimistic about the news, but hoped this to be true since it would give a much-needed boost to their business.

Increase

A money changer, Saheeb Abu Al Hassan of the Johara Exchange Company, said that the daily average transactions ranged between 100,000 to 200,000.

This is the appropriate time to increase business, he said. On Sunday, 1,000 Iranian rials were available for KD6.50, he

SYDNEY, Aug 8, (Reuters): The market moved into record territory but prices closed off the day's highs as leading industrial faced late selling pressure. The All Ordinaries gained 3.0 at a post-crash high of 1,644.3.

TOKYO: Prices were lower on profit-taking in dull trade with no fresh factors or surprises to attract investors. The Nikkei index fell 109.06 to 28,253.12.

HONG KONG: Prices were lower in dull trade. Most blue chips were little changed in the absence of fresh incentives. The Hang Seng index lost 12.07 to



Customers gathered outside the exchange houses.

said. But, yesterday, the rate of the Iranian currency shot up and 1,000 Iranian rials were quoted at KD10.

Another money changer said that an increase in the rate of exchange of both currencies will occur immediately after the

announcement of a ceasefire. He added that money exchange companies were flooded with customers looking for quick and easy profits.

Scores of citizens stood in front of exchange shops, some wanting to sell and others to buy

the two currencies. They hoped to find profits they were accustomed to before the war broke out in 1980.

Prior to the war, the Iraqi dinar was valued at about 900 fils, while the Iranian rial fetched 0.050 fils.

Swiss consumer prices fell in July. The All-Share Swiss index gained 1.3 to 909.8.

LONDON: Prices were mixed, falling back from their highs when the Bank of England signalled a wish to see base lending rates rise. By 1440 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 0.1 points at 1,876.0.

NEW YORK: Stocks were little changed at mid-session with blue chips showing a small gain. The market gained some support from the rising dollar. The Dow was up three at 2,122 in light volume.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

2,659.10.

SINGAPORE: The market closed higher. Gains in index-based stocks pushed the Straits Times industrial index up 5.82 to a post-crash high of 1,177.87.

BOMBAY: Prices declined on a broad front on widespread profit-taking by state financial institutions.

and interest rates set the tone. The 60-share Commerzbank index, calculated at mid-session, rose 11.1 to 1,510.4.

PARIS: French shares ended easier but off opening lows in very quiet trade. The 50-share indicator ended 0.06 per cent down. "Traditionally this is meant to be the quietest week of the year," said one trader.

ZURICH: The market was steady in response to news that

Turkey to boost Soviet trade

ISTANBUL, Aug 8, (Reuters): Turkey wants to boost its trade with the Soviet Union but is not in urgent need of Soviet gas, State Minister Yusuf Ozal said today.

NATO-member Turkey, circumspect in dealings with the Soviet Union for decades, helped improve ties in 1984 by signing a major Soviet natural gas import agreement.

"The Soviet Union is our biggest neighbour, but we have not had the biggest commercial ties. We want to correct this situation," said Ozal, brother of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal and responsible for the Turkish economy.

Capacity

Ozal was speaking at the first meeting of the Turkish-Soviet Business Council in Istanbul, itself a symbol of improved ties between the two countries.

Soviet officials have complained that Turkey is not taking up its agreed quota from a gas pipeline which came on stream a year ago and will have a six

billion cubic metre annual capacity by 1992.

The Soviet Union sought a much bigger trade volume and was not happy with current levels, said Nikolai Melnikov, head of the Soviet delegation to the council.

Trade totalled \$475 million in 1987. Turkey agreed to buy 1.5 billion cubic metres of gas in 1988, but unofficial estimates expect imports of only 400 million cubic metres.

"Turkey is not in very urgent need of natural gas," said Ozal, adding that the reason for a decline in Turkey's agreed counter-trade purchases was a world decline in gas prices.

But Turkey has signed new agreements this year to buy up to four billion cubic metres of gas a year from Algeria and Libya, partly due to US pressure not to become reliant on Soviet supplies, diplomats said.

Turkish contractors have won big Soviet contracts as part of the Soviet Union's agreement to spend 70 per cent of its gas earnings on Turkish goods and

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Contract

The contract is worth \$80 million to Enka. Other Turkish contractors expect to build two health resort hotels on the Soviet Black Sea and Caspian Sea coasts.

Trade and tourism would also be aided by the opening of the Turkish-Soviet border at Sarp, closed to most traffic in the 1930s. Turkish and Soviet officials said.

Turkish Transport Minister Ekrem Pakdemirli said it was possible the Black Sea village crossing point at Sarp would open on Aug 28, a date first set for May this year.

Turkey has resisted heavy Soviet pressure to open Sarp due to security fears and worries that the big Turkish trucking industry would lose business, diplomats say.

Reconstruction boom in Iran, Iraq likely

India to face stiff competition

NEW DELHI, August 8: India may face stiff competition from other Asian countries for manpower supply for the economic reconstruction of war-ravaged Iran and Iraq, reports Economic Times.

Experts here say that peace is bound to be followed by a boom in construction activity necessitating huge import of manpower by the two countries. Both Iran and Iraq would have to rely mainly on imported labour for their reconstruction effort because almost two generations of their own workforce have been removed from the scene. An estimated one million casualties are said to have perished in the eight-year-old war.

Unlike in the seventies and early eighties, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh are likely to face stiffer competition from Indonesia and the Philippines this time for their share of traditional labour markets, according to Sreedhar, a senior West Asia expert at the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis.

The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is said to have agreed to provide \$100 billion for the reconstruction of Iran and Iraq. With the vast experience of the past two decades at their disposal, the planners in both Iran and Iraq can certainly assess the labour supply from various countries and hire at the most competitive rates.

Workforce

"The Indian workforce will positively be in demand in the post-war reconstruction of Iran and Iraq, but definitely not with the same kind of wages like in the seventies," Sreedhar adds. This aspect becomes much more sharper in the case of unskilled labour.

Fresh export of manpower is likely to be at a much reduced level also because of surplus workforce in the Gulf countries — getting less than desired wages — may shift to Iran and Iraq, Sreedhar asserts.

However, the only silver lining

is the "heaps of goodwill" generated by the Indians by sticking to the scheduled and honouring commitments even when the war was at its peak. "This goodwill backed by some aggressive salesmanship supported by the government's export-credit mechanism, could pay dividends in the form of sizeable participation by India in the two countries' reconstruction effort."

It is estimated that it will take at least 20 years and a minimum of \$400 billion to repair the two war-shattered economies. Around one million Indians are still employed in the Gulf region. During the peak period (1980-81) more than 50,000 Indians and at least 45 companies were working in Iraq.

In Iran, the Indians then numbered about 20,000. However, as the war heated up, many Indians shifted to safer places.

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Tender No. PT/24-88/88

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Initial Guarantee: KD. 5,000/-
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Concerned Party: Public Authority for Applied Education & Training

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This tender is open for contractors classified under 3rd and 4th Category Construction Works.

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Tender Internal No.: 55/88
Concerned Party: Public Authority

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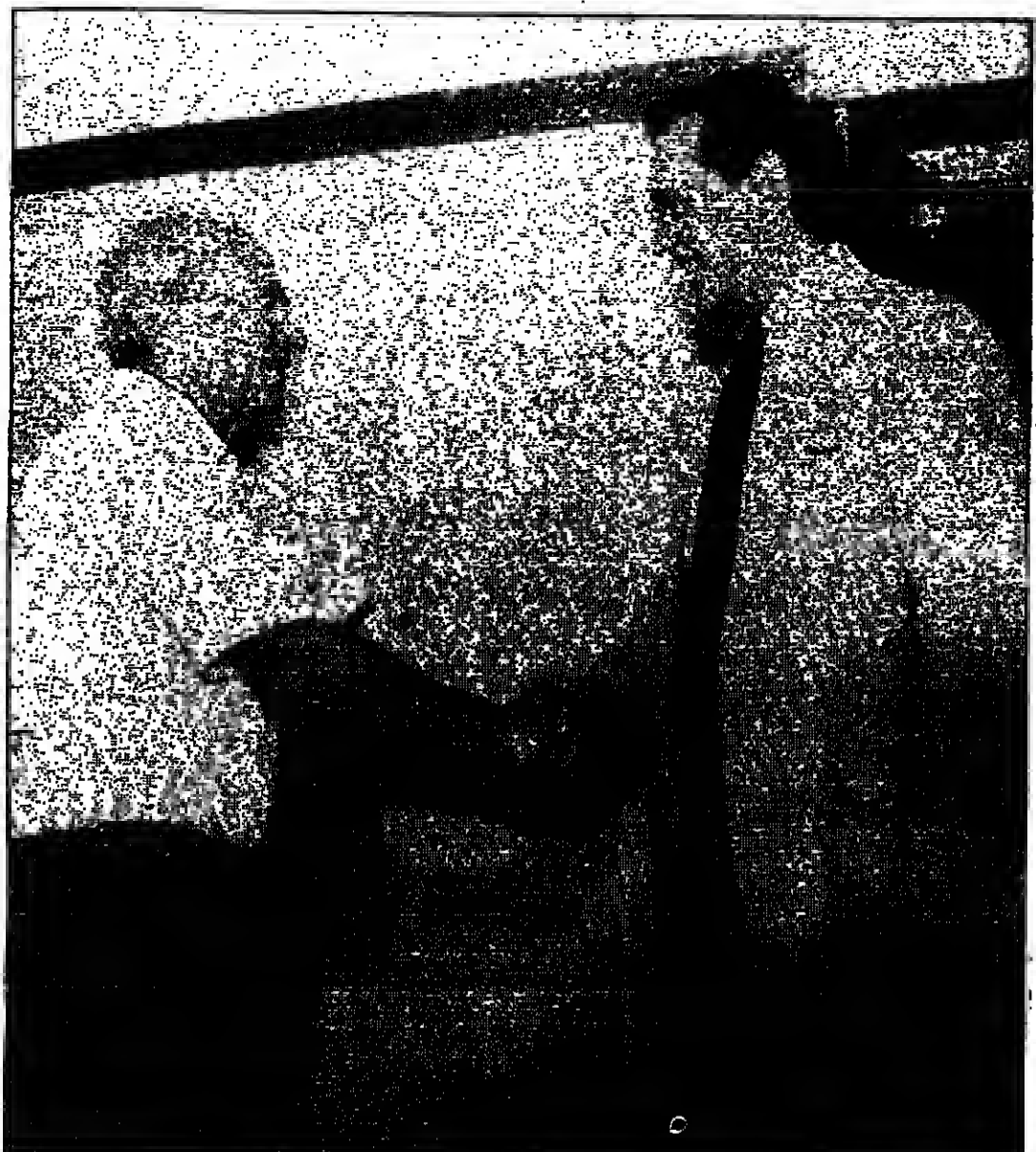
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UNITED NATIONS Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar waves off reporters' questions as he heads for a closed-door meeting of the Security Council on the Iran-Iraq war. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher (right) winces as an insect is waved away from her face by Princess Monique, wife of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, during a visit to the Kampuchean refugee camp on the Thai-Kampuchean border. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SOUTH KOREAN riot police leaps to avoid a petrol bomb thrown by student protesters in front of Shinsegae department store in downtown Seoul yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

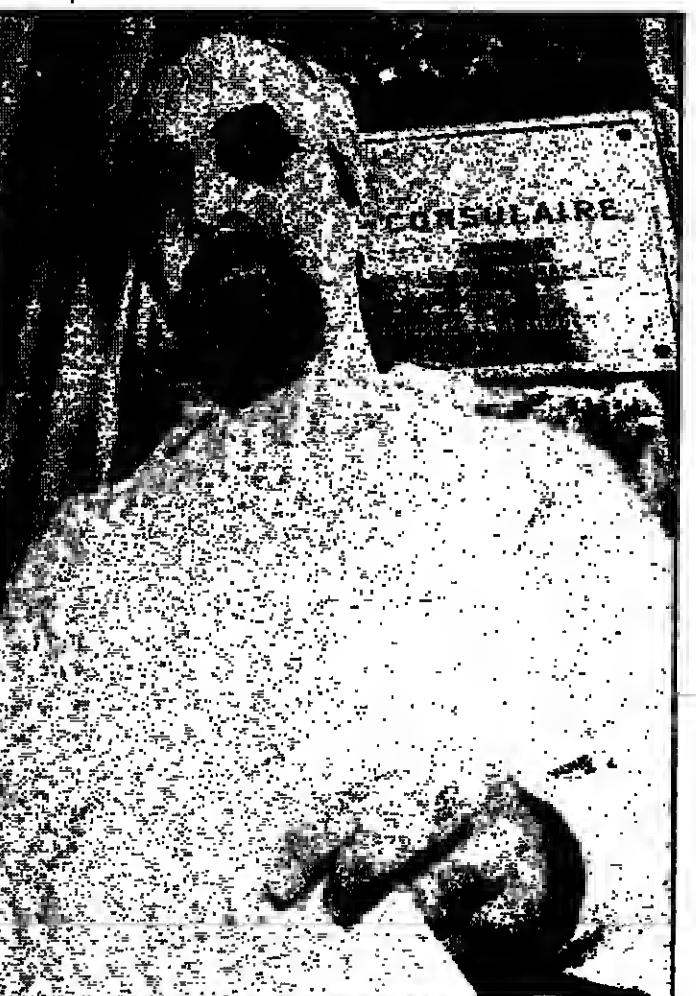


CHUNG KYUNG-HWAN is led to the courtroom in Seoul yesterday handcuffed and roped, with 12 other defendants for the second hearing of his alleged corruption during the presidency of his elder brother Chun Doo Hwan. (Reuter wirephoto)

US State Department envoy Richard Murphy met Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SALVADOREAN soldier carries a comrade wounded in a clash with leftist guerrillas a few kilometres outside Parguin in northeastern Morazan province. (Reuter wirephoto)



EXILED Armenian nationalist Parvir Ajrikyan, expelled from the Soviet Union on charge of fomenting dissent, holds his visa application form in front of the Soviet consulate in Paris. Ajrikyan is asking for a visa as he wants to go back to the Soviet Union. (Reuter wirephoto)



TROOPS of the Philippine Constabulary display some of their highpowered weapons during a parade marking the 87th anniversary of the paramilitary force. (Reuter wirephoto)



THIS young man has found an ingenious way of keeping cool while water-skiing on the Rhine River. The shower attachment scoops up water from below and spurts it out on the skier. (Reuter wirephoto)



A JUBILANT Wayne Rainey of the United States (left) raises his arm after he won the British Grand Prix 500cc motorcycle race in Donington Park, England. On his right is the world champion Wayne Gardner of Australia. (Reuter wirephoto)

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GERMAN STAR LOOKS FORWARD TO US OPEN

Becker outplays McEnroe for title

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 8. (Reuters) Serving like the Boris Becker who twice won Wimbledon, the top-seeded West German overpowered fifth seed John McEnroe 6-4 6-2 to win the \$15,000 US Hardcourt Tennis Championships yesterday.

The match was their first meeting since last summer when the 21-year-old West German won the five-set Davis Cup match in a lasted an astounding 6 hours and 20 minutes.

Yesterday's victory, which worth \$50,575 to Becker, took almost five hours less than the 1987 Davis Cup marathon.

The one hour first set was a 14 battle that could have gone either way.

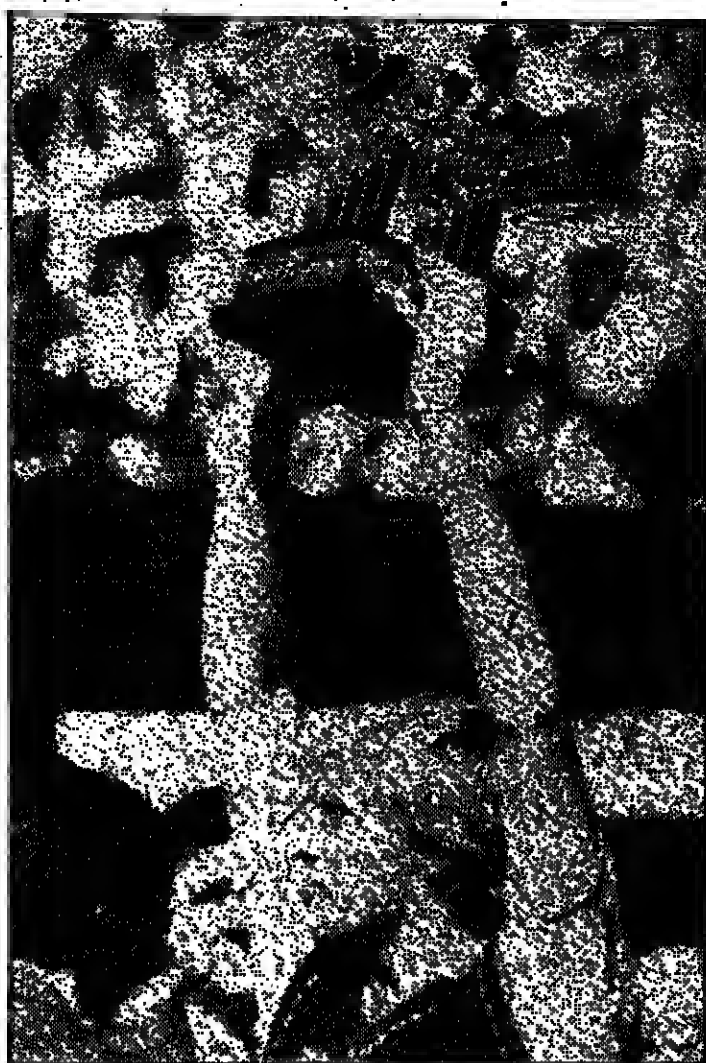
Traded
The fifth-ranked Becker and the former world's number one now ranked 17th, traded breaks open the match. The turning point came in the eighth game with McEnroe leading 4-3.

McEnroe had three break points against Becker's serve with a chance to take a 5-3 lead, but the top seed rose to the occasion as he fought off each break opportunity and held his serve with a brilliant backhand crosscourt shot.

Becker then poured the pressure on, breaking McEnroe in the ninth game and holding his serve for the set.

"I thought the entire first set was close," said Becker. "He had a couple of chances also but the first set was the key of the whole match."

Becker's serve got stronger as he made more and more breaks in the second set by breaking McEnroe in the first



Becker holds his trophy aloft (Reuters wirephoto)

game. McEnroe said he let down mentally after losing the first set and "the next thing I knew I was down a break."

"In the second set his game

picked up and I didn't move that well. I thought he returned my service well," said McEnroe.

Becker came up with another service break in the seventh game to lead 5-2. The West German, who blasted seven aces in the match, then closed it out by holding his serve at love.

"This was by far my best match of the week," Becker said.

With the hardcourt title in his pocket and an impressive showing at Wimbledon under his belt, Becker is brimming with confidence as the final Grand Slam tournament of the year approaches.

Forward

The US Open begins on August 29 and Becker is ready to begin another Grand Slam campaign.

"I am looking forward to it," said Becker. "New York is a great city and the people are great."

"I like playing on the quick hard courts. It is one of my favourite surfaces and the balls fly, so I hope to play like I did at Wimbledon," said Becker who defeated world number one Ivan Lendl in the semifinal round before losing the Wimbledon final to Stefan Edberg of Sweden.

The West German, best known for his success on the grass of Wimbledon where he won the singles title in 1985 and 1986, appeared more than comfortable at Indianapolis where the surface is similar to the hard courts at the US National Tennis Centre — some of the US Open.

Becker said he is trying to make the best of his strengths and is working hard to use his

"game the right way."

The right way for him, Becker said, is to play an aggressive serve and volley game.

"I have one of the best serves in the game," he said. "I have the desire to come in and attack before the other guy."

Since he started working with Australian coach Bob Brett eight months ago, Becker has won titles at Indian Wells, Dallas, Queen's Club and Indianapolis.

Becker is playing very solid tennis. He has changed his return of serve slightly to produce a better mixture of shots and says he is "feeling freer" and more relaxed on court.

The agile red head says he is heading into the US Open with a fresh attitude and a new frame of mind — comfortable and confident.

"It's a case of mainly keeping your concentration and head for two weeks," he said. "You can't expect to play the best in the first couple of matches, but you have to win them. You must be able to lift your game a notch and then another notch."

Career

Becker considers his performance at last year's US Open, where he lost to American Brad Gilbert in the fourth round after leading two sets to love, one of the low points of his career.

"I was in a bad frame of mind and I didn't like tennis at all. It was a case of just surviving each round," Becker said.

"However if I think about this year's Wimbledon then it should give me a lot of confidence for the Open. I have beaten the best players in the world."

Rehe cruises to win over Grossman

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 8. (Reuters) Second seed Stephanie Rehe dashed the dreams of upset-minded qualifier Ann Grossman with a crushing 6-1, 6-1 victory in the final of the \$100,000 San Diego tennis tournament yesterday.

Rehe, 18, completely dominated her 17-year-old fellow American for the entire one hour 25 minute match to win her fifth career tournament title.

"I'm really excited," said Rehe. "It's a really great thrill for me. Ann played well the whole week."

Impressive
Grossman, an amateur who delighted fans all week and posted impressive upsets over fourth seed Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa and 15th-seeded American Robin White, never got her game on track.

Rehe, ranked 25 in the world, kept the 171-ranked Grossman pinned to the baseline with deep groundstroke winners from both sides of the court.

Grossman, playing in her first major tournament final, was unable to hold her serve once in the entire match and managed to win one game in each set by breaking Rehe.

Potter blasts Kelesi for \$50,000 prize
MASON, Ohio, Aug. 8. (AP) Barbara Potter, who had not won a tournament since 1987, captured the \$50,000 first place purse by beating Canadian Helen Kelesi in the \$250,000 Helen Light Classic tennis tournament.

Potter defeated Kelesi 6-2, 6-2 in the Jack Nicklaus Sports Centre in yesterday's final.

Potter, seeded third, dominated with her powerful left-handed serve.

"It was an easier match for me than some of the others," Potter said. "I knew how dangerous Helen could be. I played in a gear gear than in my other matches."

Followed
Kelesi, fourth-seeded, crushed Larnella Maleeva, the No. 1 seed, 6-0, 6-3, on Saturday. Kelesi followed that victory with triumph in Saturday night's doubles semifinal.

Potter was sharper than she had been all week. A three-time Wimbledon quarterfinalist and ranked 15th in the world, Potter connected on a high percentage first serves and made very few forced errors with the rest of game.

Women's tennis
LONDON, Aug. 8. (UPI) Ann Kessel, the 1969 Wimbledon champion, has been appointed captain to all Britain's senior women's tennis teams for the rest of the year.

Her responsibilities will include for the first time the Wimbledon Cup match against US at London's Royal Albert Hall on Nov 3-5. She takes over from Warren Jacques, now the national team manager.

Knepper takes Astros past Dodgers

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (AP) Bob Knepper moved Houston a little closer to Los Angeles in the National League West by beating the Dodgers with his pitching and his smarts.

Taking advantage of two run-scoring balks, the Astros and Knepper beat the Dodgers 4-2 at the Astrodome yesterday, narrowing the Dodgers' division lead to 2-1/2 games over second-place Houston.

"It's a mind game with him (Knepper) and he's holding the ball, so he usually outthinks you," Los Angeles Mike Marshall said.

Figured
"He moves the ball around, and works on your emotions," Marshall said. "He's unpredictable. You never know what he's going to throw. Just when you think you've got him figured out he throws something you don't expect."

At the start of this season Knepper, 32-3, hadn't beaten the Dodgers since Sept. 19, 1985. But he ended a five-game losing streak against the Dodgers June 6 and beat them again yesterday.

Elsewhere in the National League West, New York 6, Pittsburgh 2; San Francisco 14, Atlanta 4; Cincinnati 4, San Diego 3; Montreal 11, St. Louis 5; and Philadelphia 7, Chicago 2.

New York made it three straight over the Pirates in Pittsburgh as Kevin McReynolds' one-out, pinch single in the ninth inning broke a 2-2 tie.

Pittsburgh has lost five in a row and 12 of 16 to fall into third place in the NL East, a half-game behind Montreal and seven games behind the first-place Mets.

Tim Lincecum and Tim Lincecum each hit three-run homers to power visiting Montreal past St. Louis. The Expos have won five straight and 13 of their last 16.

Lance Parrish hit a three-run homer and Chris James drove in three runs as Philadelphia beat Chicago.

The Giants' Bob Brenly drove in five runs, matching his career high, as San Francisco beat Atlanta to end a four-game losing streak.

San Francisco scored six runs in the third and four more in the fourth to take an 11-2 lead. Joel Youngblood had four of the Giants' 17 hits.

Tom Browning allowed four hits in seven innings as Cincinnati beat San Diego with four runs in the sixth inning.

Forget the oracle at Delphi. Boston has Joe Morgan, the oracle of baseball.

Boston's manager predicted Saturday the Red Sox would salvage the finale of the five-game series with Detroit. His prediction appeared in yesterday's Detroit newspapers.

Bruce Hurst then made Morgan look like a genius. He pitched a 10-inning six-hitter and the Red Sox scored three runs in the 10th inning to beat the Tigers 3-0.

"Can't I predict?" Morgan said. "Aristotle predicted didn't he? All I know is if you predict often enough you'll eventually look like a genius."

Hurst, 22-4, struck out five and walked none in his third consecutive victory since coming off the disabled list July 24. Hurst, who matched a career high in pitching 10 innings, is 6-1 in

starts after a Boston loss this season.

Detroit leads the New York Yankees and the Red Sox by three games in the AL East.

In other games, New York beat Minnesota 5-1, Seattle beat Oakland 12-7, Chicago beat California 7-3, Milwaukee beat Baltimore 7-2, Kansas City beat Toronto 5-1 and Texas beat Cleveland 2-0.

Rich Dotson allowed four hits in 8 2/3 innings and Ken Phelps and Claudell Washington homered at Yankee stadium.

Jim Presley's two-run homer broke an eight-inning tie and the visiting Seattle Mariners, who blew a 6-0 fourth-inning lead, bit a Major League record five sacrifice flies to beat Oakland.

Carlton Fisk and Kelly Paris hit consecutive home runs in the sixth inning to lead the White Sox over the Angels in California.

Milwaukee's Rob Deer homered, doubled and singled twice to drive in four runs in the second four-hit game of his career and Baltimore made three errors, leading to four unearned runs for the visiting Brewers.

Chicago Bears
GOTEBORG, Sweden, Aug. 8. (AP) The Chicago Bears arrived in Sweden after the longest road trip in the club's history today, a week before their National Football League pre-season game against the Minnesota Vikings.

Sunday's "American Football Classic" between the NFC Central Division rivals will be played on Ullevi stadium's natural turf.

It's the first time ever an NFL pre-season game is played in Scandinavia and the first time in Europe outside Britain.

US blank New Zealand for title

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan, Aug. 8. (AP) Pete Meredith hurled a three-hitter as the United States blanked New Zealand 4-0 to capture the International Softball Federation Men's World Championship.

Earlier yesterday, New Zealand forced a second game of the championship showdown with a 4-2 triumph as Chubb Tangaroa fired a three-hitter.

Canada finished third after falling 3-1 to New Zealand in the

Group B final. Canada had eliminated Cuba and the United States advanced to the final with a 2-1 victory over New Zealand.

"I'm proud as heck of these guys," said US coach Tom Wagner. "They did a great job. We got thumped in the first game of the final but bounced right back."

Row
"The key game for us was the first one (2-1 win) against New Zealand," said Wagner. "New Zealand had to win three in a row

for the title."

In the second game of the final, New Zealand put together two first-inning hits but failed to score a run. After that, Meredith retired 16 batters in a row before pinch-hitter Don Tricker stroked a seventh-inning single.

Meredith struck out three and did not issue a walk.

"I love pitching in these pressure games and I'm glad I was handed the ball today," said Meredith.

Senna replaces Prost as favourite for crown

BUDAPEST, Aug. 8. (Reuters) Ayrton Senna's victory in yesterday's Hungarian Grand Prix has established him as favourite for the 1988 World Drivers' Championship by giving him the psychological advantage over his McLaren teammate and chief rival Alain Prost.

After 10 races and with six to go, Senna and Prost are level on 66 points, but the Brazilian leads for the first time because he has won six races to the Frenchman's four.

It is little wonder Senna is so full of confidence. He has won five of the last six Grands Prix, during which time Prost has endured increasing pressure from the French media.

Felt
"I feel much more optimistic about the championship now than I felt after two or three races," Senna said.

"Nevertheless, there are so many more races to come that anything is possible and it is wide open. I'm sure the championship will get more and more exciting between Alain and myself."

Senna's performance yesterday, when he was unable to beat Prost by speed alone, owed as much to his dedication and attention to detail in qualifying as to his skill and composure in the race.

By claiming his eighth pole position of the season and lead-

ing from the first corner, he gained an advantage that Prost, who was seventh on the grid, could never make up.

The Frenchman made a determined effort. He carved his way through the field, led fleetingly at the start of the 49th lap and finished only half a second behind after a vain final charge.

"It was ninth on the first lap, but it is a difficult circuit for overtaking," Prost said.

"When you are caught behind cars you destroy the front tyres very quickly on the fast parts of the track."

"But at one stage, I felt almost sure to win the race. Then I had a front wheel problem. There were some vibrations and it slowed me down."

Prost, seeking the 33rd triumph of his Formula One career, will hope for better luck in three weeks' time when he attempts to repeat his victory last year in the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa.

If the two are tied on points at the end of the season, greater number of race wins will determine the winner.

Prost repeatedly was asked about his bold manoeuvre, when he pulled into first place after a duel at the end of the straightaway on the 48th lap.

Seconds later, he lost the lead — and a possible first place in the Hungarian circuit.

"I was surprised that he

(Senna) tried to close the door on me," Prost said with a smile. "I was not very secure."

Prost, a two-time world champion, added: "If I had been able to stay ahead of him at that point, I think I could have won the race."

Senna commented on the key moment in the race. "Alain was pushing hard once he was behind me and was certainly very quick. When he came up alongside me going into the first corner, I held my breath, thinking that we might both end up going off, but I gave him a bit of room and he made it around."

"I managed to re-pass him immediately again, but it was a hard race with a lot of pressure all the way to the finish," Senna added.

Senna won the race with a time of 1 hour, 57 minutes, 47.001 seconds for the 76 laps, more than a half-second ahead of Prost in 1:57:46.610.

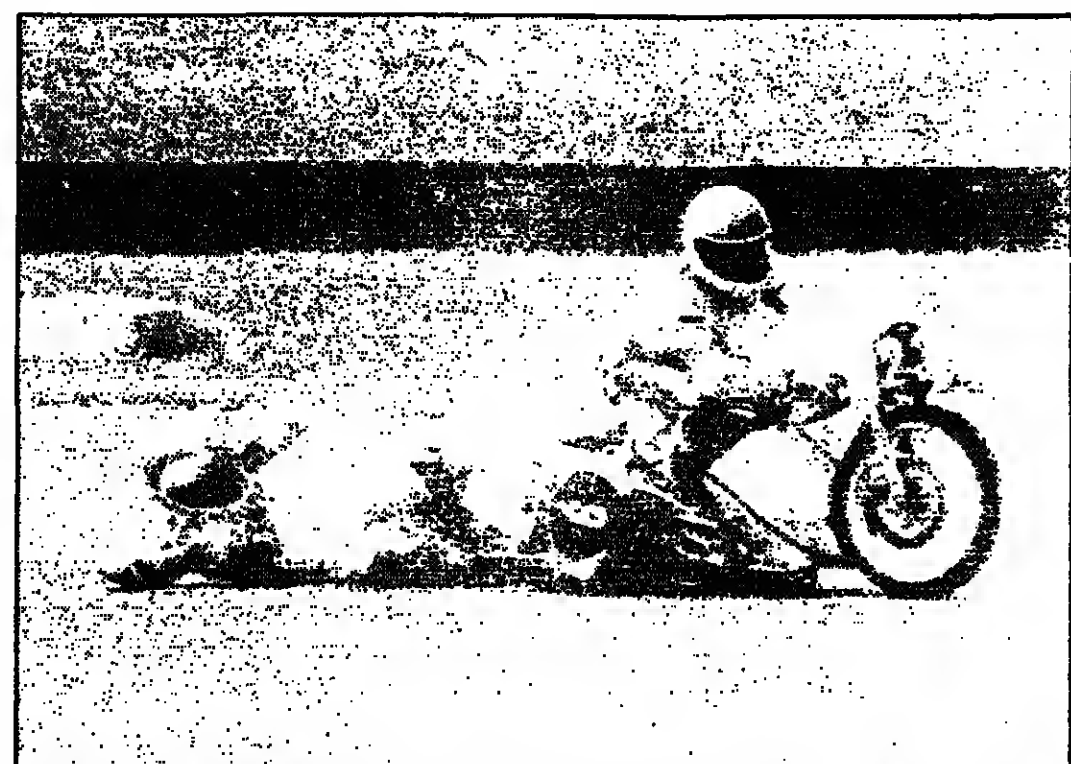
Thierry Boutsen of Belgium was third, 31.41 seconds behind Senna, over the 305.064 kilometres (118.544 miles) in a normally aspirated Benetton-Ford, while Austria's Gerhard Berger was fourth in a Ferrari.

Defending champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil was eighth in a Lotus Honda.

The Hungarian Grand Prix is the only Formula One race in the Soviet bloc.



Prost (left) waves to the crowd while Senna adjusts his cap while standing on the victory podium. (Reuters wirephoto)



Gerhard Walbel of West Germany falls to the ground as Bady Hassaine of Tunisia (No. 23) safely passes by during the British Grand Prix 125cc motorcycle race at Donington Park, England, on Sunday. Ezzi Giannini of Italy won the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

Soviet hammer team aims to clinch all three Olympic medals

MOSCOW, Aug. 8. (Reuters) Double Olympic champion Yuri Sedykh, Sergei Litvinov and Yuri Tamm may feel they have failed the Soviet Union if they do not return from the Seoul Games with all three hammer medals.

"The trouble is that people have got used to our strength and fully expect us to take all three medals," said Anatoly Bondarchuk, Sedykh's personal coach and chief trainer for the Soviet hammer team.

Expected
"If we don't get all three, it's considered some kind of a failure," he added.

Bondarchuk, the former world record holder and 1972 Olympic champion, said he expected Sedykh and Litvinov to fight it out for the gold while Tamm should be able to shrug off East German Ralf Haber to take the bronze.

Such an event would continue a prestigious tradition of Soviet dominance in the hammer.

Both Sedykh's Olympic golds, in 1976 and 1980, were at the head of Soviet one-two-three, Bondarchuk himself being beaten into bronze medal position in Montreal while Litvinov and Tamm were second and third in Moscow.

Seoul represents the Soviets' first opportunity to repeat the 1980 result after their country led a boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

Haber, whose best throw of 82.36 metres at Dresden in June has been bettered by all three Soviet athletes, is nonetheless considered the main threat to a Soviet clean sweep in the event, with West Germany also pressing close behind.

Bondarchuk was speaking at the Soviet athletics training camp at Podolsk, 50 km south of Moscow, where the country's top hammer, discus and javelin throwers and shot putters spent two weeks in July in a joint training session.

Regime
The camp, set in rolling countryside of birchwood and meadows, operated under a rigid regime, with athletes going to bed every night at 11 pm and getting up at 8 am.

Alcohol and tobacco had to be banned and athletes had to

inform the authorities whenever they left the camp. But chief coach Yuri Bakarinov said no special checks were carried out. "They are grown up people and we treat them as such," he said.

Sedykh, 33, bettered his own world record in August 1986 with a throw of 86.74 metres at the European Championships in Stuttgart, a mark which still stands, but has since failed to show the same form.

In recent months he has been at the centre of allegations about drug-taking, after British hammer thrower Martin Givran claimed in a newspaper that Sedykh had given details of his drug intake while on a lecture tour of Britain in 1986.

The Soviet authorities have rejected the allegations and in June the Soviet hammer team withdrew from a competition in Britain in protest.

Severe
Litvinov, who retained his world title in Rome last year, has been recovering from a bout of meningitis, which he says has been a severe setback to his training programme.

"Just lying on my back for a month would have been bad enough in itself, but the illness was thoroughly debilitating," he said during the camp. "I've been back in training... and I feel generally fine, although I'm still weaker."

He said he was confident that he would regain his form by the Olympics, which open on September 17. "There's still plenty of time."

And at the age of 30, he does not feel that this would be his last Olympic Games. "It is my hope and dream to compete in the golden (1996) Olympics. I'll be 38. That's not too late."

Litvinov said he did not expect a hammer world record to be set in Seoul. "It's a big event and anything could happen, but I wouldn't really expect better results than the European Championships," he said.

He said he did not expect the hot climate to be a problem and hoped that the Soviet team's final training session in Vladivostok would enable him to adjust to the time difference. "The most important thing for me is to get enough sleep," he said.

Vehkonen moves into 2nd place

MARACAY, Venezuela, Aug. 8. (Reuters) Finland's Pekka Vehkonen scored a definite victory in the Venezuelan Grand Prix — the 10th leg of the 250cc World Championship Motocross — by winning both heats to move from fourth to second in the world standings.

Vehkonen now has 226 points and trails world leader Jhon van Den Berk of the Netherlands who has 271.

Rodney Smith of the US and Jeremy Whalley of Britain, who did not compete in Venezuela, are tied for third in the world standings with 194 points.

Vehkonen will have a chance to catch the Dutchman in the Argentinian and Swedish races later this month.

Leading
On his Cagiva, Vehkonen led through the entire first heat, winning by 13 seconds, but had to fight it out in the second heat with Britain's Rob Herring.

Vehkonen passed Herring on his Yamaha about half way through the 20-lap race and won by 12 seconds over Van den Berk.

Although there were surprisingly few accidents in the races, Herring fell during the second heat and dropped to fourth after leading for most of the race.

Herring, who is 11th in the world with 109 points, also had to withdraw from the first heat due to mechanical problems.

Van den Berk finished sixth in the first heat on his Yamaha. However, he rode a hard race in the second heat, finishing close behind Vehkonen.

Geboers creates motocross history

NAMUR, Belgium, Aug. 8. (Reuters) Belgian Erik Geboers created motocross history in his homeland yesterday when he clinched the 500cc world championship to become the first rider to win all three categories.

Geboers, 125cc champion in 1982-83 and 250cc king last season, finished fifth and sixth in the two races but it was enough to put him beyond the reach of his rivals ahead of next Sunday's final round in Luxembourg.

Sweden's Hakan Carlqvist won both races on his Kawasaki.

Baker edges Faldo for first European Tour win

YORK, England, Aug. 8. (Reuters) A brace of eagles gave talented British prospect Peter Baker an unexpected victory in the York International golf tournament yesterday.

Baker, three shots behind with four holes remaining, was down in three shots at the par five 18th to force a sudden-death playoff with fellow Briton Nick Faldo.

Both players had final rounds of 69 for 271 totals.

He then repeated the feat to sink the former British Open champion on the same green at the second extra hole.

But Faldo was full of praise for the 20-year-old ex-Walker Cup

player and 1987 British "Rookie of the Year". "Peter is the best young British player for 10 years," he said. "He is just what our Tour needs."

Baker was one behind on the 18th tee in the final round but holed from 15 feet after hitting a big drive. After sharing the first extra hole Baker produced an action replay, this time sinking a 20-footer to win the £42,000 (\$71,000) first prize.

"When I was three behind everybody was expecting Nick to win so I had nothing to lose," said Baker after his first triumph on the European tour.

Mudd scores one-shot victory

CORDOVA, Tenn., Aug. 8. (Reuters) Jodie Mudd shot a final round two-under par 70 to pull out a one-stroke victory over Peter Jacobsen and South Africa's Nick Price at the \$750,000 St Jude Classic golf tournament.

Mudd, who had a one stroke lead after three rounds, finished with a 15-under-par total of 273 and collected \$171,692 for his first victory on the US Tour.

Jacobsen and Price, who both

posted final round scores of six-under-par 66, were the only ones to put any pressure on the 28-year-old Mudd during the final round.

Mudd had a three stroke lead with six holes to play, but late heroics by his challengers and a bogey on the par-four 17th hole cut the lead to one stroke.

"I'm going to savour every minute of this victory," said Mudd.

SPORTS

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Open champion

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland, Aug 8, (Reuters): British Open champion Severiano Ballesteros will contest the \$700,000 European Masters/ Swiss Open golf championship here next month, organisers said today.

Cup qualifier

LISBON, Portugal, Aug 8, (Reuters): The Angola and Sudan national soccer teams struggled to a 0-0 draw in their World Cup soccer qualifier in the Africa Zone pairing played yesterday in Luanda, the Angolan capital, the Angola news agency ANGOP said today in a report monitored here.

Two-year contract

MILAN, Italy, Aug 8, (Reuters): Brazilian midfielder Milton Queiroz da Paixao, internationally known as Tita, today signed a two-year contract with Italian Major League Pescara, granting him a total of \$450,000.

Nause triumphs

HIGH POINT, N.C., Aug 8, (Reuters): Martha Nause was the big winner on the final day of the Pat Bradley International golf tournament with 14 points worth \$62,500 yesterday. The victory was the first for Nause on the US Women's Tour and the biggest paycheck of her career.

Alcohol level

TAMPA, Florida, Aug 8, (UPI): Olympic diving medalist Bruce Kimball had a blood alcohol level of 0.20 per cent, twice the legal limit, when his car crashed into a group of teenagers and killed two people, the Tampa Tribune reported yesterday.

Senior Open

MEDINAH, Illinois, Aug 8, (AP): New Zealander Bob Charles bogeyed three of the last four holes yesterday to finish a day-long duel tied with defending champion Gary Player and set up for an 18-hole playoff for the US Senior Open golf championship.

Winning start

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, Aug 8, (AP): Danny Manning and Dan Majerle each scored 13 points yesterday to lead the US men's Olympic basketball team to a 90-82 victory to start an eight-game tour against teams of players from the National Basketball Association.

Three-day match

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 8, (Reuters): Nottinghamshire and Sri Lanka drew their three-day cricket match today. Scores: Sri Lanka 307 for seven declared and 244 for seven declared. Nottinghamshire 250 for five declared and 101 for no wicket.

Kid Chocolate dies

HAVANA, Aug 8, (Reuters): Cuban Eligio Sardinias, who as 'Kid Chocolate' became one of boxing's all-time greats, died today at the age of 77, the official Prensa Latina News Agency said.

Cycling race

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug 8, (AP): Phil Anderson of Australia finished first in the final stage and won the six-day Tour of Denmark professional cycling race that ended in Copenhagen yesterday. Anderson was timed in five hours, 11 minutes and 32 seconds for the 122.5-mile sixth leg.

Soccer friendly

ALICANTE, Spain, Aug 8, (UPI): Spanish Second Division club Hercules defeated Bayer Leverkusen of West Germany in a penalty shootout after drawing 1-1 in a friendly soccer match yesterday in front of a 12,000 crowd at the Jose Rico Perez stadium.

Rowing event

MILAN, Italy, Aug 8, (AP): East Germany, confirming its reputation as a rowing superpower, swept six gold medals out of 14 finals at the World Junior Championships yesterday.

Upset victory

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Aug 8, (AP): In an upset victory, Brazil's Cariziani yesterday won the 56th Grande Prix, Brazil's most prestigious horse-race, which this year carried a \$25,000 prize.

KCL entries

THE Kuwait Cricket League (KCL) is accepting entries for the 1988-89 season, expected to start early next month. A total of 10 trophies will be at stake in this season, two more than last year.

For further details contact the KCL president Sajid Rizvi, Tel: 5332052 (evening) or Riaz Chaudhry before Aug 25.

HAYNES LEADS CARIBBEAN SIDE TO 4-0 SERIES WIN

West Indies steamroller England

LONDON, Aug 8, (Reuters): Opener Desmond Haynes scored a resolute 77 not out to steer West Indies to an eight-wicket win over England in the fifth and final Test at the Oval today and a comprehensive 4-0 series victory.

Shortly after tea on the fourth day of the five-day match, Gus Logie punched the ball to the mid-on boundary to take West Indies to 226 for two and continue their remarkable winning record over their hosts.

Only a draw in the first Test prevented a West Indies series whitewash for the third time in a row, but they have now beaten England 14 out of the last 15 times the teams have met.

Looked
Although West Indies were set to make the highest innings score of the match for victory, the result never looked in doubt after the flying start given by Haynes and Gordon Greenidge on Saturday evening.

Greenidge, who lashed a superb 53 not out in West Indies 71 without loss on Saturday, was more subdued when play resumed, managing only a further 24 in the morning session.

Left-arm spinner John Childs, gaining turn from the bowlers' footmarks, tied both batsmen down and was finally rewarded, first ball after lunch when the ball ballooned up from bat, pad and shoulder to dismiss Greenidge for 77.

Haynes, twice missed by England in the field, reached



Haynes: hit an unbeaten 77

exactly the same score by the end, with the talented Logie stroking a rapid 38 not out to complete England's misery.

The only other wicket to fall was that of Carl Hooper who cracked a four and a six off

Childs in the space of three balls but then played on to Neil Foster after he had made 23.

With the historic Oval ground once again bathed in bright sunshine, the pitch continued to play true and the England bowlers

never hinted at being able to achieve a major breakthrough.

Even so Haynes was taking no chances, especially with captain Viv Richards available to bat only in exceptional circumstances. Richards has been suffering from a recurrence of haemorrhoids trouble.

In all Haynes was at the crease for 356 minutes, facing 237 balls, and his stand of 131 with Greenidge was the pair's 12th century opening partnership for their country.

England, outplayed throughout the series, at least had the satisfaction of being in with a chance for most of the first three days of the match. But after collapsing for 183 in their first innings, West Indies batsmen never looked likely to permit a repeat.

Foster, who took the top five wickets in the first innings, was unable to gain the same bounce and movement. England gambled instead on the spin of Childs but although he occasionally troubled the batsmen, Greenidge was his only victim in 40 overs which cost 79 runs.

Wicketkeeper and stylish batsman Jeff Dujon was named Man of the Match for his memorable stroke play in scoring 64 to rescue West Indies in the first innings but his agile display behind the stumps.

There was no surprise in the choice of Man of the Series — fast bowler Malcolm Marshall who took 35 wickets, a record for

a series between the two countries.

England's Man of the Series was Graham Gooch, the only home batsman to be able to look back with any degree of satisfaction. He was also drafted in as England's fourth captain of the series, and Derek Pringle became the fifth to lead the team after a dislocated finger kept Gooch off the field for the final hours.

Scoreboard
ENGLAND first innings: 285 (R. Smith 57, R. Bailey 43, C. Ambrose three for 31, R. Harper three for 50).
WEST INDIES first innings: 183 (J. Dujon 64, G. Logie 47, N. Foster five for 64, D. Pringle three for 45).
ENGLAND second innings: 202 (G. Gooch 84, W. Benjamin four for 52).
WEST INDIES second innings: (overnight 71 for no wicket).
First innings: C. Ambrose 77, D. Haynes not out 77, C. Hooper b Foster 23, G. Logie not out 38, Extras (b-2 lb-3 ab-6) 11.
Total (for two wickets) 226.
Did not bat: V. Richards, J. Dujon, R. Harper, M. Marshall, C. Ambrose, W. Benjamin, C. Walsh.
Bowling: Foster 18-3-52-1, Dujon 17-2-46-0, Childs 40-16-79-1, Pringle 13-4-24-0, Capel 3-0-20-0.
Results: West Indies won by eight wickets.
First Test: Nottingham (Trent Bridge) match drawn.
Second Test: London (Lord's) — West Indies won by 134 runs.
Third Test: Manchester (Old Trafford) — West Indies won by an innings and 156 runs.
Fourth Test: Leeds (Headingley) — West Indies won by 18 wickets.
West Indies won five-match series 4-0.



Hick: four for 42



Watkinson: four for 17

Worcestershire step up defence of Sunday League title

LONDON, Aug 8, (Reuters): Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick produced a personal best bowling performance to add to his batting exploits this season as his adopted county Worcestershire stepped up their defence of the Sunday League cricket title.

Hick took his League-best of four for 42 with off-breaks, and also hit an unbeaten 52 off 59 balls, to steer the defending champions to an eight-wicket win with 7.2 overs to spare against Sussex at Worcester.

Undeclared
Sussex struggled to reach 165 for nine in their 40 overs on an easy-paced pitch, their innings being anchored by captain Paul Parker, who batted throughout to make an undeclared 74 off 107 balls.

Hick, who began his prolific summer with the bat by becoming the first player for 15 years to score 1,000 first-class runs by the end of May, showed the pitch in its true light with some vivid strokes. He put on 101 in an unfinished third wicket stand with David Leatherdale (51 not out).

Second-placed Worcestershire's victory enabled them to move within two points of leaders Middlesex, who crashed to defeat by 55 runs against Lancashire at Blackpool.

All-rounder Mike Watkinson captured a match-winning four for 17 with his medium-pace as Middlesex, needing 208, collapsed to 26 for five in the 15th over. They were all out for 155 after England discards John Embury (50) and Paul Downton (32) shared a seventh-wicket stand of 68 in 12 overs.

Lancashire, for whom Sri Lankan-born Gehan Mendis struck his Sunday best for the county of 86 in 94 balls, are in third place — four points behind Middlesex. All-rounder Duncan Wild lashed a six off the penultimate delivery to give Northampton-

shire a five-wicket win over Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

Northants, needing 185, seemed out of the hunt after losing half their side for 113 by the 32nd over, but Wild tilted the balance and ended with his best League score of 74 not out, including three sixes.

Results
At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Sussex by eight wickets. Sussex 165 for nine (P. Parker 74 not out, G. Hick four for 42), Worcestershire 166 for five (G. Hick 52 not out, D. Leatherdale 51 not out). Worcester 4 points.
At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire beat Yorkshire by three wickets. Yorkshire 191 for eight (innings closed P. Carr 41, R. Blakey not out 40), Gloucestershire 193 for seven in 39 overs (P. Hartley four for 27). Gloucestershire 4 points.
At Leicester: Hampshire beat Leicestershire by 63 runs. Hampshire 240 for five (innings closed D. Turner 51, V. Terry 40, C. Smith 47), Leicestershire 177 for seven (innings closed L. Potter 52, J. Benson 42 not out). Hampshire 4 points.
At Blackpool: Lancashire beat Middlesex by 52 runs. Lancashire 197 for seven (innings closed H. Morris 51, Surrey 189 in 39 overs, Gloucestershire 4 points).
At Edgbaston: Northamptonshire beat Warwickshire by eight wickets. Warwickshire 184 for eight (innings closed A. D. Din 93 not out, Northamptonshire 4 points).
At Ebbw Vale: Glamorgan beat Surrey by eight runs. Glamorgan 197 for seven (innings closed H. Morris 51, Surrey 189 in 39 overs, Glamorgan 4 points).
At Weston-Super-Mare: Derbyshire beat Somerset by two runs. Derbyshire 174 for eight (innings closed Somerset 172 for nine (innings closed V. Marks 80, Derbyshire 4 points).

Standings
English Sunday League cricket table after the latest round of matches (table under — played, won, lost, tied, no result, points):
Middlesex 14 8 2 0 4 40
Worcestershire 13 9 2 0 1 38
Lancashire 13 8 3 0 2 36
Gloucestershire 13 9 3 0 1 36
Surrey 14 7 4 1 2 34
Glamorgan 13 7 1 1 2 34
Yorkshire 13 6 6 0 1 32
Kent 13 5 5 0 3 32
Warwickshire 14 5 7 0 2 32
Essex 13 6 6 0 1 32
Somerset 13 5 7 0 1 32
Sussex 14 4 7 2 1 32
Hampshire 14 5 8 0 1 32
Northampton 13 4 6 0 3 32
Derbyshire 13 5 6 0 2 32
Worcestershire 13 2 8 1 2 32
Nottinghamshire 14 2 10 1 1 32

Japan set for first Cup challenge in 1991

GAMAGORI, Japan, Aug 8, (Reuters): Japan is preparing its first-ever challenge for the America's Cup, the world's most prestigious yachting event.

"We want to show the world that Japan can devote itself to silly things like this," said Tetsuro Nabata, a planning manager for the Nippon Challenge team which aims to take part in 1991. "It costs huge amounts of money while it brings no income, only honour."

Compete
The Japanese have the cash and the ship-building expertise to become the first Asia team to compete in the world's most prestigious yachting event.

But they still lack the experienced needed to match the teams fielded by the traditional entrants in this rich man's sport — particularly the United States, Britain and Australia.

Thirty major companies such as Yamaha Corp, Japan Air

Lines, Fujitsu and Mazda Motor Corp have already agreed to give the Nippon Challenge Syndicate 100 million yen (\$750,000) each.

Other firms will provide goods and services worth a total of one billion yen (\$7.5 million).

While Japan's best ship designers try to construct the perfect yacht, the selected 25 crew members have begun their training at a 200 million yen (\$1.5 million) base camp in the western Japan city of Gamagori.

"It is the best facility in the world," said one of the coaches, American Riaz Latifullah. He pointed out that probably no other team in the world had yet started training for the 1991 America's Cup, particularly with the holders, the San Diego Yacht Club, still having to overcome a challenge this year from New Zealand.

Over the next three years, the crew will spend six hours training every day, competing against each other in two 12-metre yachts, bought from New

Zealand last year, which sailed in the last America's Cup qualifying trials.

The men, who have all quit their jobs to devote themselves to the challenge, do weight training every morning from 7 am and also travel overseas regularly to give themselves more yachting experience.

They need it. One third of the crew had had no sailing experience at all when they joined at the end of last year.

"There is a lot to learn," said Latifullah, adding that he and Roy Dickson, a New Zealand coach, were emphasising the concentration necessary for the complex sport of yachting.

Used
Dickson said that while the Japanese crew members worked together well and were well-disciplined, they were not used to innovating and spotting opportunities quickly.

Two other Japanese teams had originally announced their intention of challenging for the

America's Cup in 1991, but they are not now expected to take part.

Akita Agriculture College Yacht Club was forced to withdraw due to money problems while the Bengal Bay Club is expected to pull out because its sponsor, Osaka businessman Masakazu Kobayashi, recently ran into financial trouble.

Nippon Challenge's coaches, organisers and sponsors are all very enthusiastic about Japan's first challenge for the America's Cup.

"You represent your country when you participate in the America's Cup," said Shigeru Takemoto, one of the few Japanese with long sailing experience. "It is a great chance to realise one's own ability internationally. It is the beginning." The syndicate is waiting for the current dispute over the size of boats allowed to compete in the America's Cup to be resolved before actually constructing a yacht.

11 players arrive for tour of S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 8, (Reuters): Eleven players from four countries had arrived in South Africa by today for the proposed seven-match World XV rugby union tour.

The roll call of players for the tour, due to start on Saturday, has been swelled by the arrival of the Fijians. They joined the four Tongans, one Australian and an Hawaiian who arrived on Saturday.

Five more Australians are expected to join the party tomorrow and on Wednesday. The Wallabies reported by pro-government newspapers to be ready to join teammate Ian Williams are David Campese, Nick Farr-Jones, Steve Cutler, Michael Lynagh and Simon Poidevin.

Decision
But it was still uncertain whether the tour would go ahead following a decision by Argentine authorities to prohibit a group of Pumas from joining the tour and the uncertainty surrounding the participation of several French internationals.

There has been speculation that if the French do not take up their invitation to play, the tour will be scrapped.

South African rugby officials have refused to say much about the tour for fear that publicity will frighten off potential participants. South African rugby board president Dannie Craven said at the weekend he could not release details of the tour because arrangements had reached a delicate stage.

McEnroe seeks to regain top form

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 8, (AP): John McEnroe says he's going to quit tennis permanently if he doesn't regain the form that once had him ranked No. 1 in the world.

McEnroe, 29, demonstrated flashes of his old form in reaching the title match of the \$415,000 US Hardcourt Tennis Championships. He lost 6-4, 6-2 to top-seeded Boris Becker yesterday.

"I'm just not consistent on my passing shots. My concentration is nowhere near what it was a few

years ago," said McEnroe, who was the world's top-ranked player from 1981-84 and is currently No. 17. "When you've done a lot of things, you're not as hungry as you were, so you have to look for other ways to be hungry."

Celebrated

McEnroe took six months off in 1986 when he married actress Tatum O'Neal. The couple, now with two young sons, celebrated their second anniversary earlier

this month.

The four-time US Open and three-time Wimbledon champion had fallen to No. 14 by the end of 1986. He moved up to the No. 10 position last year, but he remained below such players as Miloslav Mecir, Pat Cash, Yannick Noah and Tim Mayotte — players who never had given him much trouble previously.

McEnroe hasn't set a time limit for his climb back to the top, but he vows to pack it in if he proves unsuccessful.

Cup qualifier

ACCRA, Aug 8, (UPI): Ghana striker George Al Hassan missed a second-half penalty yesterday to allow Liberia to escape with a goalless draw in their World Soccer Cup, African zone Group Two, first-round first-leg qualifying match.

Nigerian referee Linus Mbas had no hesitation in pointing to the penalty spot in the 53rd minute when Amadu Sanor scythed Al Hassan's legs from under him after the towering Ghanaian had broken clear.

Coe left out of British team for Seoul Olympics

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug 8, (AP): Sebastian Coe, one of the world's most prolific middle distance runners, was left out of the British squad for next month's Olympic Games today, a move that could signal the end of his medal-reaping career.

Coe, the two-time Olympic 1,500-metre champion, was omitted from that event as well as the 800 metres, for which he holds the world record, when the selectors named the team for Seoul.

At last weekend's Olympic trials, 31-year-old Coe failed even to reach the final of the 1,500 metres and his appearance in Seoul hinged on the remote chance of a wild card entry, at best in the 800 metres.

Mandate
His fate depended on today's meeting of the selectors, who had been handed a mandate to pick the first two in the trials plus a discretionary third, in each event.

A list of names handed to reporters after that meeting showed that Steve Cram, Steve Cram and Peter Elliott had been selected for the 1,500 metres, with Cram, Elliott and Tom McKean down for the shorter distance.

Coe did not enter the 800

metres in the trials at Birmingham's Alexander stadium in order to concentrate on trying to nail down place in the 1,500 and go for an Olympic gold medal triple.

In the end, he was picked for neither event.

Although Coe is the world record holder for the 800 metres, he has produced only one world-class performance this season, a minor 1,500 metres event in Switzerland the weekend before the trials.

A near capacity 14,000 Birmingham crowd watched in disbelief as the middle distance superstar struggled home fourth in his trials heat, leaving his slender chance of defending the Olympic title he won in Moscow in 1980 and Los Angeles four years ago in the hands of the selectors.

In the 1,500-metre final, Coe could only watch as the in-form Elliott romped home ahead of Crabb, another leading medal contender to come from a nation that has arguably the best middle distance runners in the world.

Cram, who skipped the 1,500 trial, was given the third Olympic place by the selectors on current form that included victory in last month's Dream Mile in Oslo.



Coe: not going to the Olympics

Cram won the 800-metre trial with ease and, like Elliott, was picked to double up in Seoul. McKean clinched his Olympic place by finishing second to Cram in the 800.

Tony Ward, spokesman for British Athletics, said Coe had been contacted about his "apparent loss of form over the weekend."

Reading a statement, Ward

said the 21-member council of the British Amateur Athletics Board "had an excellent debate about the 800 metres on what was a very difficult selection."

"At the end of the day they decided they must give preference to Peter Elliott, a World Championship silver medalist and currently ranked No. 2 in the United Kingdom at 800 metres," the statement said.

"Elliott had request to double up in the 800 and 1,500 metres. Substantial claims were put forward for Sebastian Coe but in the end it was Peter Elliott who got the selection."

Voting figures were not disclosed.

Coe, who has broken 12 world records in his career, was not immediately available for comment on what track officials described as the end of an era.

But in an article in today's Sun newspaper, he said his 1,500 metre trials flop was the worst moment of his life.

"Down the years, I've had many disappointments ... but I think this is probably the worst," Coe said. "Before I'd always had a chance to redeem myself."

The rest of the squad contained few surprises.

Despite being reduced to tears after missing Saturday's trials through injury, Olympic women's javelin champion Tessa Sanderson was given the chance to defend her title.

Sanderson's great rival, world champion Fatima Whitbread, recovering from illness and injury, also secured her place. Of the competitors who took part in the trials, only Sharon Gibson managed the Olympic qualifying

distance of 56.50 metres this season.

Daley Thompson was given the opportunity to win an unprecedented third Olympic decathlon title while there was no happier man than Barrington Williams.

Williams, a lay preacher who refuses to compete on a Sunday, had given up a chance of competing at his strongest event, the long jump, because it was being held on the Sabbath in Seoul.

Virtue
Instead, he turned his attention to the 100 metres and qualified for the Games by virtue of finishing third in Friday's sprint trials and being given the third discretionary place.

Coe is left out of the side along with his great middle-distance rival Steve Ovett, who was hiding to take part in his fourth Olympic Games.

Ovett, who won the 1980 Olympic 800 metres title and captured a bronze in the 1500 metres, finished fourth in the 1500 metres final and failed to make the side.

Ovett, who will be 33 in October, reached the 800 metres finals in 1976, 1980 and 1984, but has been past his peak for at least two years.

Sullivan sails to 2nd victory of season

BROOKLYN, Michigan, Aug 8, (UPI): Danny Sullivan took the lead on the 190th lap and coasted to his second victory of the season yesterday in the Marlboro 500 at Michigan International Speedway.

Runner-up Bobby Rahal was a lap behind the 38-year-old Sullivan, who set a 500-mile race record of 180.654 MPH in his Chevrolet prepared by the Penske racing team. It broke the old mark of 171.493 MPH set by Michael Andretti in last year's Michigan 500.

Sullivan's first-place finish was worth \$111,196. Sullivan's other victory this season came in a 200-mile (320 km) event in Portland, Oregon.

Qualified
Andretti finished third with Tony Bettenhausen fourth and Phil Krueger fifth.

Sullivan, who qualified fifth, took over the Carl season point lead from Al Unser Jr., who completed only 99 laps because of a broken water hose. Rahal took over second place in the season standings and Unser Jr. slipped to third. Sullivan has 106 points and Rahal has 87, one more than Unser Jr.